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Inside Real Estate

Going once, going twice

Auctions increasing as way to sell real estate

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

Drive down any rural road these days, and it seems like you see as many "For Sale" signs as you do silos.

It is no secret that real estate in Michigan is in the doldrums, and agricultural areas are no exception.

The small family farms that built Michigan in the 19th and early 20th centuries are becoming a rarity due to economic pressures, foreclosures and attrition through death or dispassionate progeny.

Up until a few years ago, when land ceased to be worked a developer would step in, buy the acreage and turn a soybean field into a subdivision, strip mall or industrial site.

But that's no longer the case. Traditional rules of real estate marketing evolved as a ballooning inventory of single-family homes and commercial property began com-

peting for buyers' attention and dollars with large, unbuilt tracts of land.

Consequently, the "For Sale" signs would stand for months until they rusted, were replaced by another realtor's sign or simply taken off the market.

The "absolute auction" is one solution to disposing of unsold acreage.

The method has proven successful in other states, but is just making its way to this region.

"There are a lot of absolute auctions out East and down South; Michigan's always behind the curve when it comes to marketing and sales," said Chelsea native Joseph Merkel, an accredited auctioneer and broker with Sperry Van Ness Lillie & Associates of Ann Arbor and a devout disciple of the absolute auction method.

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Photo by Edward Freundl

Auctioneer Joseph Merkel of Sperry Van Ness Lillie & Associates of Ann Arbor, a Chelsea native, directs the bidding for a former farm and poultry production facility.

"Mom got the best care in the world. Towsley Village was the first licensed facility to send staff to the Alzheimer's Association's Foundation of Dementia Care program, funded by the Chelsea Community Foundation. The training was evidenced in the care given to my mother by Towsley's nursing aides."

Liz Longley, president and CEO of Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter

This is personal



Elizabeth Longley, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter, addresses over 600 participants at the 2007 Ann Arbor Memory Walk as Memory Walk Honorary Chair Lucy Ann Lance looks on.

Dexter Township resident heads up Alzheimer's Association Chapter

Liz Longley knows only too well the heartache caused by Alzheimer's disease.

Her own mother suffered from this terrible disease that destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behavior severe enough to affect work, life-long hobbies or social life.

So it's no surprise Longley spearheads the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Great Lakes Chapter as its president and CEO, in a Scio Township office housing corporate and south-central region staff.

"NOW — not later — is the time for the government to meet its responsibility to help the as many as 5 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease. NOW — not later — is the time to find ways to protect the lives of 78 million baby boomers whose lives will soon be at risk for Alzheimer's disease."

The donor-supported, non-profit voluntary health organization is dedicated to providing supportive programs and services to people with Alzheimer's disease, their family members and care partners.

With offices in Kalamazoo, Lansing and Muskegon, Longley and her chapter serves 23 Michigan counties and an estimated 44,000 individuals with Alzheimer's disease.

That's a daunting number, but Longley and her staff are up to the task. In the past year, staff and volunteers assisted more than 15,000 people through the 24/7 toll-free Helpline, education and training programs, support groups, care consultations, and the national Safe Return program.

Longley was recruited to apply for the position by one of the Chapter's board members who was impressed with Longley's background and the outreach and development work she was doing for Hospice of Michigan's Ann Arbor Region.

"She was also impressed with my personal background and direct caregiver knowledge," Longley says.

She started as president and CEO in April 2006, and in that role is active in advocacy and policy issues at the local, state and national level. No stranger to advocacy and policy issues, she has spent most of her professional career involved in local and state government work, and also served as an LBJ intern in Washington in 1978 for John Dingell.

"This year, Alzheimer's disease is costing Medicare \$91 billion and Medicaid \$21 billion. By 2015, the two programs will be spending \$210 billion just on people with Alzheimer's disease. The nation cannot afford to wait."

Longley is responsible for the general management of the Area Chapter and for ensuring that it carries out its mission and goals - to eliminate Alzheimer's disease

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Adopt-a-Farm: Monthly feature about life on the Huehl Farm

Repairs, seeds, sails keep Huehls busy

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

While farmers might not be out in the field when it's under a blanket of snow, that certainly doesn't mean they are sitting around a warm fire in the farmhouse.

At farms like Huehl Acres, the cows still have to be milked twice a day, fed and tended; and the equipment must be cleaned, maintained and repaired after the growing season has ended.

Jerry and Denny Huehl have built a close working relationship over the years with Mike Park of Chelsea, a Customer Service Representative for D&G Equipment Inc. of Mason.

"I help them with whatever concerns they may have so they don't have to drive to Mason," Park said.

Park is their "parts guy," and makes frequent stops at the Huehl farm to make sure the brothers have everything they need to keep their tractors, carts and combines up and running.

"Mike stops by once a week in the spring and summer, every other week in the winter, to see what we need," Denny Huehl said. "Today was more serious — we're planning a winter overhaul and we need parts for the combine."

"That's probably going to be a good two-day project for me and

somebody else," he added. "We have to tear the whole thing down."

The Huehls participate in a D&G program that keeps a lot of small, everyday supplies literally at arm's reach in a metal cabinet in the farm's workshop.

"We have a cabinet here that D&G owns and they keep stocked; it's called the 'Parts on Site' program," Huehl said.

"It's full of stuff we think we might need, and we only pay for what we use. It frees up our cash, and keeps our downtime to a minimum."

The small inventory of parts

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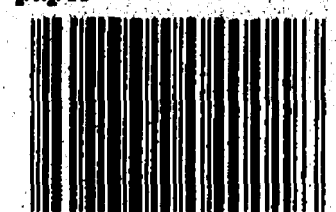
Mike Park of D&G Equipment in Mason takes inventory of small parts that the Huehls always keep on hand for repairs.

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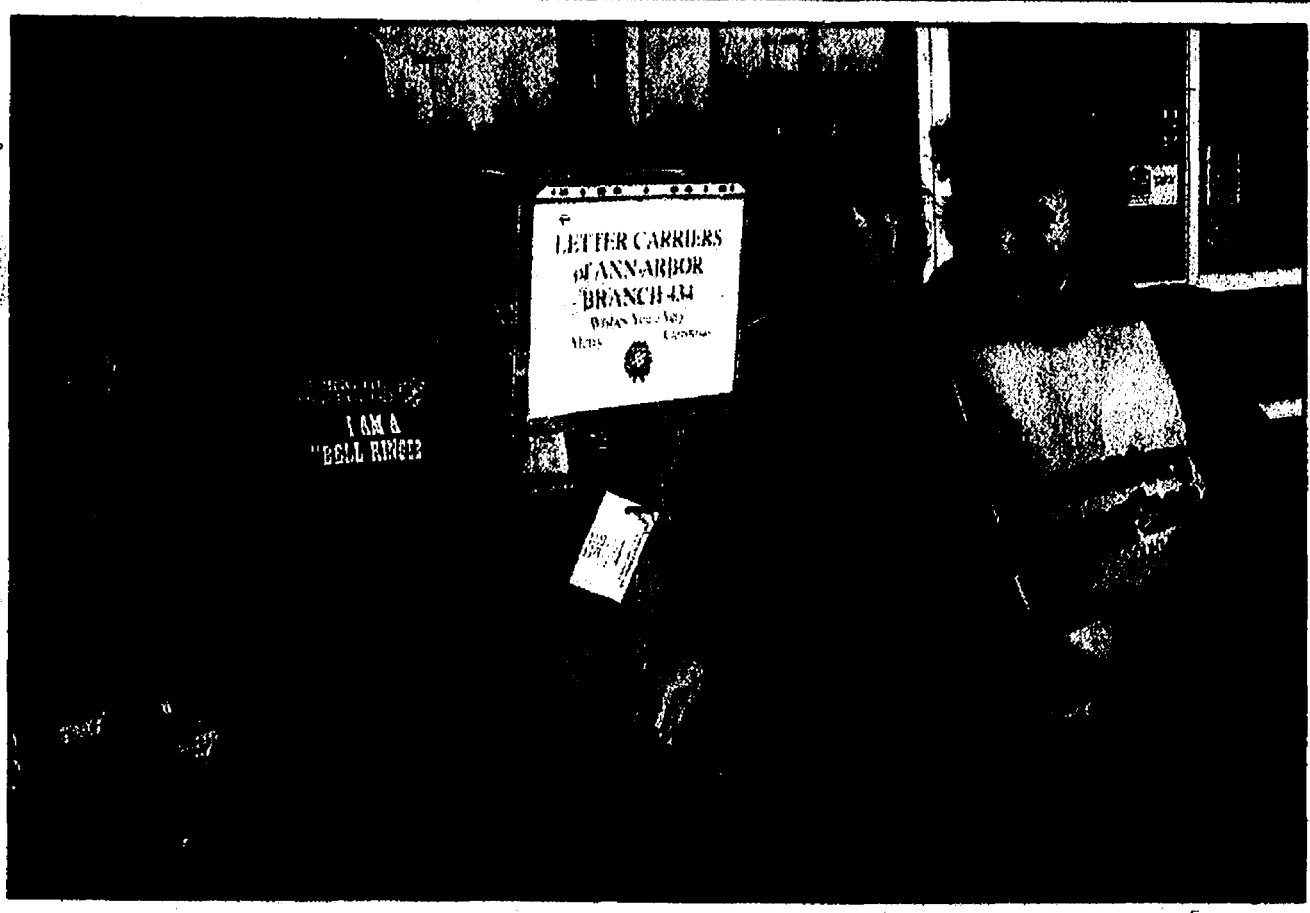
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Bells of hope

Photo by Edward Freund
Retired postal worker Tom Scibor, left, and current letter carrier Dianne Kuhl accept a donation for the Salvation Army from a local resident outside the Polly's County Market on South Main Street in Chelsea. Kuhl and Scibor are with Letter Carriers Branch 434, based in Ann Arbor. Volunteers have been ringing the bells in Chelsea since Dec. 4.



CCA hosting art classes, fund-raisers in January

The Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. in Chelsea, has a number of activities planned for the next few weeks.

Participation Saturday!

Come explore the arts offered at the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

Creativity isn't for just a few talented individuals, it's an essential part of the human spirit and can be expressed in everything we do. Come take PART!

Anyone can come to paint, draw, make a print or enjoy the other visual arts activities going on throughout the center from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 12. It's free and registration is not required.

For more information, please call the CCA at 734-433-2787 or visit www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

Watercolor workshop

Artist Todd Marsee will present a workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

In this one-day workshop, people will be introduced to experimental watercolor techniques and will begin to understand how different materials and textures react with watercolor.

The focus will be on

abstract techniques; however, if your interest lies in still life or landscapes, you may integrate this into your work.

Demonstrations will be followed by studio time. See Marsee's artwork at www.marseegallery.com.

The cost of is \$75. A materials list will be available at registration, and participants should also bring a lunch.

Please call the CCA at 734-433-2787 to register or for more information.

'Souper Swap'

The Chelsea Center for the Arts is hosting a "Souper Swap" to raise money for its pottery program and help fill the community food pantry.

All area potters are invited to donate hand-made and decorated bowls and soup mugs for this event.

As part of the second National Soup Swap on Jan. 23, the CCA will sell the bowls and mugs along with three delicious soups from ZouZou's café in Chelsea from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

We'll be selling bowls to put your wonderful soup in, too - choose from big mug or maybe a set of smaller bowls made and donated by area potters.

Or, if you're an aspiring

artist, paint your own bowl between 10 a.m. and noon Jan. 12.

We'll supply the bowl and glazes, you supply the inspiration and decoration. We'll fire them in our kiln for pick up during the "souper swap." The cost to purchase or paint your own bowl is \$14 for the first and \$8 for each additional bowl. The soup is \$3 per serving.

Soup lovers are asked to bring a canned item to swap when picking up their tasty treats and crockery.

All donated food will be given to Faith in Action for the community pantry.

To donate pottery, please deliver it to the CCA by Jan. 21 or call 433-2787 to arrange for pick-up.

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Concert for kids of prisoners

The "Come and Listen" Christmas Benefit Concert for Angel Tree featuring recording artist Rufus Harris was cancelled due to the snow storm last Sunday. It has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. The concert will be held at Dexter United Methodist Church.

Every year, more than 50,000 children of Michigan's prisoners are forced to do hard time—time spent growing up with a parent missing from their daily lives. Christmas is an especially difficult time for children whose moms or dads are imprisoned. By brightening Christmas for the child of a prisoner, Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program helps children begin to heal the pain of being separated from their mom or dad, and offers these families an important connection with a community that can offer support and love during a

time of isolation.

Dexter United Methodist Church will host the "Come and Listen" Christmas Benefit concert which will feature Rufus Harris - a Michigan-based recording artist who released a Christmas album of the same name in 2006. Harris is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who often shares his music in Michigan prisons. Cross Rhythms - a London, England magazine and radio station - called him "an exceptionally fluid guitar player" and "a talented songsmith." The concert is designed to bring awareness to Angel Tree and to serve the thousands of Michigan Angels.

Dexter UMC is located at 7843 Huron River Drive in Dexter, Michigan. The concert is free. An offering will be taken during the event. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

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St. Louis Center recognizes local leaders

By Joseph Yekulis
Guest Writer

Two members of the State House of Representatives were recognized by St. Louis Center last week for their efforts in passing HB 4357 and SB 232; the State Department of Human Services Budget for 2008 that established a 7 percent increase for residential services under contract with DHS.

State Rep. Dudley Spade, (D-Tipton) of the 57th District, and State Representative Pam Byrnes (D-Chelsea) of the 52nd District, each received Legislative Service Awards on Monday, Dec. 17, 2007.

For 15 years, St. Louis Center has been engaged in a struggle for state funding equity, as the State Legislature froze a per diem rate schedule into place that placed St. Louis at the bottom of the pay rate for all Michigan providers of chil-



Pam Byrnes and Dudley Spade receive their awards from St. Louis Center representatives. (L to R): Steve Daut - Finance Director, Rev. Fr. Enzo Addari, S.C., Rep. Byrnes, Rev. Fr. Joseph Rinaldo, S.C., Rep. Spade, Ken Unterbrink - SLC Chair.

dren's foster care services in 1992.

As a residential care provider for special needs children and adults, St. Louis

Center has a contract with the State of Michigan to care for up to 15 residents per year. On Oct. 1, 2007, a breakthrough was achieved

through the assistance of these two legislators with the passage of the 2008 budget.

As chair of the Human Services Committee of the

House, Rep. Spade recognized the disparity in payments to St. Louis Center compared with others in the state providing similar services.

"It was a matter of fairness and equity," he said. "My wife was employed at St. Louis Center years ago, and I've known about the quality of care they provide there for many years."

Rep. Byrnes added, "I've supported many of St. Louis Center's fund-raisers over the years, and with their presence in the 52nd District, felt that these disparities needed to be addressed."

In presenting the Legislative Service Awards to Reps. Byrnes and Spade, Rev. Joseph Rinaldo, S.C. stated, "We are grateful to these legislators for their hard work in support of St. Louis Center. This funding increase will make a big difference in the quality of life we'll be able to provide for our children."

The increase took St. Louis Center from a per diem rate of \$92.50 a day to \$130 a day for fiscal year 2008.

Dexter Family Services deserving choice for 'Humanitarian' honor

By Elaine Owsley
Special Writer

The first call was answered 50 years ago - a family had lost several members in a car-train accident and needed help. The Salvation Army couldn't give money directly to the family and so the Dexter women who had sought help for the family met with area clergy and quickly established what was to become Dexter Family Services.

In awarding the group the 2007 Howard S. Holmes Humanitarian of the Year Award, the Board of Directors of Faith in Action recalled the countless acts of charity large and small carried out over the half century since Dexter Family Services was established. Mrs. Norbert Quigg was the group's first president and members represented the various churches in Dexter, as they do now.

Other members of that founding group included Mrs. Al Lavalli, Mrs. William H.K. Weber, Mrs. Jack Richie, Mrs. Robert McFarland, Mrs. D. Franklin Belt, Mrs. Leonard Hall, Mrs. William M. Brown, Mrs. William Sartin, Mrs. Lymon Parker and Miss Mignon Killian. Nearly all the Dexter churches were represented and are to this day.

The non-profit group can assist with utility bills, rent, clothing and food. They maintain a medical equipment supply which can be loaned free of charge - wheel chairs, commodes, walkers, crutches and other items needed for home patient care.

Folks in need are referred by the Social Services Department, Salvation Army, local churches and schools and social workers. The biggest effort come at Christmas complete turkey or ham dinners are distributed to those in need, and at Thanksgiving a dinner and pantry supplies are also provided. Christmas gifts for family members are distributed at this time of year and the list of families is always confidential along with the source of referral. Gifts are distributed by the Dexter Area



Dexter Family Service President Sue Walsh, Adopt a Family Coordinator Carol Prehn, and volunteers Vickie Kudla-Hatch and Sue Yager begin the gift sorting process.

Firefighters and the American Legion.

Because this is an on-going assistance provider, donations to the Family Services come from the Dexter Area Services Association, individuals in the area, schools and local businesses along with clubs, scouts and churches.

During the last couple of years the number of families needing assistance of some kind has grown from an average of 30 to near 50. This is not surprising in a time of plant closings, cutbacks in benefits and general economic unrest.

Serving with the Family Services group has become a tradition in some families - Susan Walsh's mother, Amy Sorter, was one of the founding members of the group. Judy Wheeler, a long time member, now has a niece in the group.

During the year, schools - Bates,

Cornerstone, Middle Creek, Wylie and Creekside, churches such as St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter Methodist, Webster UCC, the American Legion and its Auxiliary, Antiquarians, Webster Historical Society, St. Joseph Catholic and many others assist by collecting food, clothing, personal care and paper products and non-perishable items.

St. Joseph Church has been involved since the beginning, providing space for gathering and sorting items to be delivered to families and contributions on "Fifth Sundays". They and the other churches provide the backbone of membership and aid.

This Christmas, 25 families have been "adopted" by area churches and some

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Chelsea Area Fire Authority receives grant

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"I am pleased to announce this grant which will greatly benefit the outstanding Fire Authority in Chelsea and improve emergency response services in Chelsea," said U.S. Congressman Tim Walberg (R-Michigan).

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) is an important component of the Administration's larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the nation's overall level of preparedness. CEDAP provides specialized commercial equipment and related training directly to smaller jurisdictions and eligible metropolitan areas.

The Fiscal Year 2007 CEDAP complements the Department's other major grants' programs to enhance regional response capabilities, mutual aid, and interoperable communications by providing technology and equipment, along with the training required to operate that equipment, to law enforcement and emergency responder agencies in smaller metropolitan areas.

The Fiscal Year 2007 CEDAP will provide equipment and training valued at approximately \$33.7 million to law enforcement and emergency responder agencies across the nation.

Eligible applicants included law enforcement agencies and other emergency responder agencies who demonstrate the equipment will be used to improve their capability and capacity to respond to a major critical incident or to work with other first responders. Applicants were to have selected items from the

CEDAP Equipment Catalog that they had been unable to acquire through other DHS programs.

Ninety six Michigan organizations have been awarded \$1,698,927 through the CEDAP. The funding will be used to help Michigan first responders and law enforcement agencies in smaller communities and qualified metropolitan areas enhance their ability to respond to major crises and disasters here at home.

"This funding will help ensure that our first responders and law enforcement agencies in communities throughout our state receive the necessary equipment and training so vital to keeping Michigan safe," said Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan). "Making homeland security a priority means providing our brave men and women with the resources they need to continue protecting Michigan families and homes from danger."

"First responders and law

enforcement personnel play a crucial role in safeguarding homes and communities throughout Michigan," said Levin. "These federal dollars will help these provide local organizations with the equipment and the resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively."

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Washtenaw County: Business

Scio says 'yes' to new jobs

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The Scio Township Board of Trustees was unanimous in its decision to grant two requests by a technology company that promised to create 90 new jobs over the next five years in the region.

Accuri Cytometers Inc. has requested an Industrial Facilities Tax abatement and establishment of an Industrial Development District for its property at 173 Parkland Plaza.

The Scio-based biotech company has developed a low-cost version of the cytometer, a tool used in the medical field for cell-based analysis.

The establishment of the district was a requirement for the 50 percent abatement on \$153,250 of new equipment that will be used to manufacture the company's cytometer for the commercial market.

The abatement is over a 12-year period on personal property that wasn't previously on the tax rolls, according to township officials.

The equipment will be moved from out of state, since the company almost decided on a location in Colorado as its base of manufacturing and customer support, according to company officials.

Accuri will see a \$12,000 tax savings from the township, in addition to a \$1.4 million abatement on taxes for profits that the company would have paid, which was awarded last week by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA).

The company currently consists of 20 employees, and while the 90 new jobs will be spread out over five years, 20 to 30 will be created within the first year, company officials said.

"What we've done is expanded from 6,000 square feet to a grand total of 14,000 square feet in our current facilities and taken over some additional space," said Jack Ball, chief commercial officer for Accuri.

Ball described the jobs that will be created over the five-year period as ideal for college graduates looking to put their technical skills to the test in a professional environment.

"This means high-tech, high-income jobs that require people with a bachelor's degree in science and a high level of skill with their hands

and a good understanding of how technology works," Ball said.

"These are very high-tech manufacturing jobs, as well as customer-facing jobs where employees will be talking about technical details of the product with customers. All of these jobs are going to require college graduates at the very least."

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The Chelsea Standard

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Home Front

My 6-year-old daughter was playing at a friend's house last week when she called me at work on my cell phone, which is unusual.

She said, "Daddy—"
Stop the tape.

My daughter usually addresses me as "Dad." I tried for years to get my

kids to call me "poppa" because I thought it sounded more affectionate than the dull, monosyllabic "dad," and it conjured up a warm, old world feel as if I were Tveve in "Fiddler on the Roof." When my children were learning to speak, I always referred to myself as "poppa," but, alas, it didn't catch on and I got stuck with "dad."

Unless, I have learned, my little daughter wants something. Then, suddenly, I'm "daddy."

Very clever of her, I admit, but I'm wise to her machinations, so when she called me "daddy" to open the conversation last week, I went on high alert.

Something was up.

OK, roll the tape.

"Daddy," she said, "please—"

Stop the tape.

I have concluded that the number of "Es" my daughter uses when she says please are directly proportionate to the odds that I will deny her request. They are also directly proportionate to how badly my daughter wants to do something, which is usually exponentially compounded by how much she believes I don't want her to do it.

For example, "Pleeeeeease may I get on the roof with you to hang Christmas lights?"

The very idea that in no way will I allow her to get on the roof with me to hang Christmas lights heightens her desire to get on the roof with me to hang Christmas lights. That accounts for three "Es." The other three come from her almost certainty that my answer will be "uh, no."

Is that clear? Maybe a formula will help.

If "E" equals the number of "Es" in please, "O" equals odds of denial, "D" equals my daughter's desire, and "NwIH" equals the No Way in Hell quotient, the formula would look something like this:

E=O=DxNwIHx

So with three "Es" in her please when she called, I absolutely knew something was up.

"Daddy," she said, "please—"

Stop the tape.

That background noise, I hear? It's giggling. Two of my daughter's friends are giggling, and I can picture them huddled around the phone. Giggling friends in the background never denotes anything good.

I braced myself, which involved holding my breath.

Roll it.

"Daddy," she said, "pleeeeee can I paint my fingernails?"

I exhaled.

Was that all? Clearly, my worry was misplaced. The girls were just having a little game of dress-up. There's no harm in that. I came this close to blurring, "Sure, Hon, of course you can," when I caught myself. Rash replies I have learned can lead to unfortunate misunderstandings.

"You said I could paint my fingernails."

"But I didn't mean with superglue!"

Perhaps a little more probing was called for.

"You mean with fingernail polish?" I asked. "And just your fingernails? You're not going to paint your nose or elbows or anything?"

She assured me it was with fingernail polish and just her fingernails.

"Well, then, sure," I said.

And she said thanks and bye and hung up.

It turned out I had nothing to worry about because she and her friends had only painted their fingernails. On the other hand, I had a lot to worry about.

One day, I fear, that call is going to come not from a 6-year-old friend's house, but from a tattoo parlor or from a place where you can get your nose pierced or buy a too-tight pair of shorts or from a party where I can hear loud music in the background, which is way worse than giggling. The conversation will begin much the same way, I'm sure.

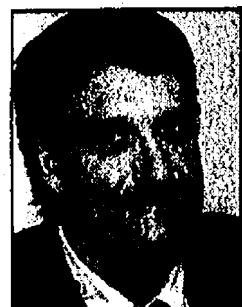
"Daddy, pleaseee..."

I worry about that. I worry a lot about that.

But then I think, "Hey, at least she called. That's a good sign. If you insist on worrying, maybe you should worry not about when she calls, but when she doesn't."

And that to me sounds like a good approach because when it comes down to it, no matter what she wants to do, I most definitely want her to call.

Pleeeeeease.



BRIAN COX

The right wing and the anti-tax crowd must have thought it had died and gone to heaven.

For years, the tax naysayers have had the governor in their sights. When Jennifer Granholm first ran, they predicted it was only a matter of time before she put her stamp on a tax increase. During the first term, she proved them wrong.

Ah, but the second term was a different story. Granholm blessed not one, not two, but three different tax increases, and her critics were all over her about that until several weeks ago.

They woke up to read the following Granholm quote in an Associated Press story: "I'm never going to raise taxes again."

The battle-scarred governor reflected on the tax hikes she barely survived. She appeared to be screaming "uncle" when it came to tax hikes.

Not only was the anti-government cabal shocked to read those words, long-time Granholm watchers were, too.

The statement sounded like she was drinking the Grover Nordquist "no tax promise" soft drink. Nordquist has fashioned a career out of sticking the no-tax pledge in front of every office-seeker's face and then seeing if they had the guts to shove it back into his.

For years, Granholm had been able to do just that. Even when she ran for the first time — when it was politically expedient to sign the pledge — she didn't while opponent and former Gov. Jim Blanchard did.

She said then, as she continued to say in recent years, that it was irresponsible to make a promise that might have to be broken if there was a calamity in state government that demanded more tax revenue.

Her recent quote looks like a wholesale recapitulation, or, if you prefer, a flip-flop.

But they teach you in journalism school never to assume anything, so it was only prudent to ask her if she was taking the pledge for the first time.

"I'm not taking pledges of any kind on any subject, but I'm telling you we're done with this," she said. She was referring to tax hikes.

Even though she said she wasn't taking any pledge against taxes, it sure sounded like she was. Staying on the message, she continued: "Well, I'm not taking a pledge from you ... but I'm telling you, I'm not interested in revisiting the tax question again."

Oh.

Saying you're not interested in hiking taxes is not the same as saying you won't.

Hence the followup inquiry: "So you can't totally rule out a tax increase in the remaining three years of your administration?"

"I'm not interested in raising taxes," she says for the final time.

So did she or didn't she take the no-tax pledge? Obviously, based on those answers, she has not.

But either on purpose or by accident, the governor can have it both ways. For those who detest the tax pledge as a grossly irresponsible piece of paper, she can say, "I did not promise."

And for the anti-tax folks who only read she would "not ever" raise taxes, they'll go on believing she signed on.

Appeasing both sides on the tax hike issue is a nifty piece of work.



Tim Skubick

Appeasing both sides

Our take Promise Zones good for future

It's an intriguing proposal. House Bill 5375, sponsored by State Rep. Tim Melton, D-Auburn Hills, would create Michigan Promise Zones by establishing and providing funding for high school graduates to attend college free of charge.

For a community to gain eligibility, the percentage of children younger than 18 living at or below the federal poverty level must be greater than the state average of children living in poverty.

Each qualifying school district would have to establish an 11-member authority, appointed by a school district superintendent and confirmed by the school board, that would help establish guidelines.

The House Education Committee was expected to discuss the bill Dec. 11 and Melton says he hopes to have it to the Senate by the end of the month. It has almost 40 co-sponsors, including some bipartisan support.

It could be the Pontiac version of the Kalamazoo Promise. But there are

some differences. Unlike the Kalamazoo program, which is financed by private funds, the Michigan Promise Zones would use captured funds from the state education — tax. Consequently, because property tax dollars are involved, students seeking zone funds also would need to apply for any federal aid available for college.

In addition, Melton's bill would require the community to put up the seed money, about \$700,000 for the first two years. Then, the fund would capture a percentage of the increase in the state education tax to continue the program. It would work similarly to tax increment financing for development. The community would have to continue raising money for the fund, as well.

Currently, six mills are levied on all property for the SET. Consequently, when property values increase, the revenue would rise and the promise zone would receive half of the increase in revenue, Melton said.

He notes that there

income requirements to receive promise zone money. A student only needs to live and go to school in the qualifying district. So, students from middle-income families also could receive college funds, not just low income youngsters.

Melton admits middle income students not in a promise zone district would not qualify for any funds but, he adds, they would still be eligible for Michigan Promise money, which involves up to \$4,000 in grant funds from the state. There is no income requirement, but the students must take ACT test and complete two years of higher education.

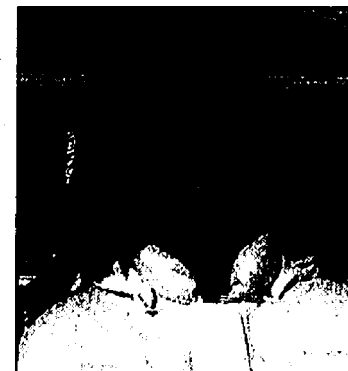
An estimated 41 percent of the school districts in the state would qualify for a promise zone, Melton said.

There probably will be many little hurdles to get over, but the zones "promise" a college education to many students who may not otherwise get to go.

Considering the potential "good" the bill could do, we

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"To make healthier meals for my family."

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"To publish my second book."

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"My resolution is to have a resolution."

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"To have better Street Talk questions."

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By Jennifer Sinkwitts

Our Chelsea History

Why is the park on South Main named "Pierce Park?"

A. R. — the location of the early hamlet, Pierceville.

B. The Pierce family donated this parcel of land for a park.

C. In 19th century it was a thriving stage-coach stop on M-52.

Answer: B. Miss Alma Pierce, the last surviving grandchild of 11 children of Hiram and Catherine Pierce, donated a parcel of their farm for a memorial park in the late 1940s. Nathan Pierce (1790-1862) bought and settled his land east of M-52 in 1831. The farmhouse at 14300 Old US-12 is the oldest house in Chelsea and Sylvan Township, and one of the oldest houses in Washtenaw County. Pioneer Pierce Cemetery is located nearby the park on Chelsea Manchester Road where many of the Pierce family are buried.

Chelsea Area Historical Society meets at the Gourmet Chocolate Cafe, 312 N. Main, the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

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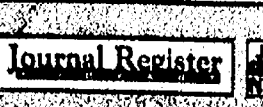
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AUCTION

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"If I take them to auction, I sell them," said Merkel, who has 20 years of experience in putting real estate buyers and sellers together.

While a regular auction is usually open to the public and draws a lot of curiosity-seekers and bystanders, in an absolute auction money talks and window-shoppers walk.

"Qualified" buyers must show up with a certified check for a substantial amount of earnest money, usually in the five-figure range, or they are not even allowed to make a bid.

Merkel said that gives the seller a definite advantage.

"If they're not qualified, they're just standing there," he said. "That's the beauty of the absolute auction: there's no minimum, no reserve; everyone there is a serious buyer, not a shopper."

The "no minimum, no reserve" clause means that no artificial minimum bid has been set and no arbitrary minimum ceiling has been established.

It is a true reflection of the value of the property, because one can, theoretically at least, bid a dollar, and if no one wants to bid higher, that is the selling price.

On the other hand, a bidding war could erupt and drive the price beyond all reasonable expectations.

"The price is going to follow the market," Merkel said. "It provides both buyer and seller with true market value."

Todd Koch, a Realtor with Preview Properties of Ann Arbor who specializes in commercial properties, believes that "value" is definitely in the eye of the beholder. "What something is 'worth' is irrelevant," Koch said. "It doesn't matter what the asking price is. It's only 'worth' whatever somebody else is willing to pay for it."

That axiom was put to the test Nov. 3 with a farm auction just outside the village limits

in Clinton.

Merkel was the auctioneer for a 156-acre parcel on Us-12 near Lima Center Road that was a poultry production facility that ceased operation a few years ago.

Several large buildings and the original farmhouse have sat idle since, but large tracts of arable land have been leased by local farmers to continue growing crops such as corn, alfalfa and soybeans.

El Elsie LLC was a biotech company incorporated as a division of GeneWorks by a University of Michigan researcher and investors to develop serum from chicken eggs for experimental medicines.

The limited liability corporation bought the land from the original farmer and built laboratory facilities and four pole barns the size of football fields to raise a half-million chickens.

The facility was fully stocked and ready to go into production when the federal government stepped in.

Regulators told the company it would not be allowed to continue its research unless and until it built an identical facility at least 100 miles away just as a backup, in the event a health or safety issue developed on the Clinton farm.

"That was a devastating setback - the investors couldn't afford that, so the company folded," said Gary Lillie, a principal with Sperry Van Ness Lillie & Associates. "The chickens were genetically engineered, so they couldn't sell them for meat or eggs, and had to incinerate them all."

The corporation had the property appraised in April 2005 for \$1.8 million, but after going through traditional real estate methods for months, the auctioneers were called in to sell the property and liquidate the company.

Going once, going twice ...

Because of the large amount of real estate and personal property that was to be sold, SVN Lillie teamed

up with Hall of Fame auctioneer Dick Brodie and his son Dan of the Brodie Corp. auction and appraisal firm of Farmington Hills.

"As soon as I took this deal, I knew it was too complicated for us to handle alone," Merkel said.

The auction drew about three dozen people, but only nine were able to produce a cashier's check for \$25,000 as earnest money to be registered as qualified bidders.

The personal property of the defunct biotech company went on the auction block first, with the Brodies handling the sale.

A mind-boggling variety of items were displayed: cabinetry, shelving, furnaces, huge ventilation units, laboratory equipment, and boxes upon boxes of miscellaneous items.

The lots sold for as little as \$10, up to thousands of dollars.

The personal property is subject to the 6 percent sales tax, Dick Brodie said.

He declined to disclose the total proceeds because, unlike real estate, personal property is confidential information.

For the main event, Merkel donned his wireless microphone and stood in the bed of a pickup truck to get a clear view of the bidders.

As a starting point, the property was appraised at \$1.8 million, with a taxable value of \$907,000.

Merkel asked for an opening bid of \$1.75 million, and you could hear the traffic from US-12 nearly a mile away.

After a few uncomfortable tries with descending amounts, one man finally opened with an offer of \$100,000.

Merkel cajoled the bidders to get some momentum going, and the price slowly climbed to about a quarter-million as bidders dropped out one by one.

At about the \$300,000 mark it came down to a contest between two bidders.

Dr. Zakhour Youssef of Ann

Arbor is a retired Eastern Michigan University research professor. In addition, he and his wife Androulla are former owners of the Chelsea Big Boy restaurant.

Youssef said he wanted to buy the property, but had no plans to actually use it.

"We would have bought it just for God's sake; we're not farmers, we're not developers," he said. "We buy vacant land just to keep it vacant, not to build on it. We keep it for God's glory, and to have something for our children and grandchildren to enjoy."

Youssef's bidding rival, John Sarnecky, is the vice president of a construction company in Canton.

"I'm going to take that (farm)house and turn it into a homeless shelter, and I'll try to sell the land to a local farmer," Sarnecky said.

"I was in a really bad accident a few years ago, and I think this is what God wanted me to do (with the insurance

money)."

... Sold

The bidding between the two men stalled at \$500,000. Neither party wanted to go higher but Merkel coaxed them along in increments of \$5,000.

Sarnecky finally prevailed with a winning bid of \$545,000, but his final outlay ended up being much higher.

The \$25,000 earnest money was applied to the sale, and the winning bidder also was required to add a 10 percent "buyer's premium," for a total purchase price of \$627,000.

"I spent about \$750,000 in total," said Sarnecky, who also bought a fair amount in the personal property auction.

"This sold for about \$4,000

an acre," said Koch, who attended the auction as Sarnecky's real estate agent. "That's like buying the dirt and getting the buildings for free."

Koch confirmed that auctions like this one are on the rise, but noted that people still should rely on professional real estate experts.

"At auctions, weird things can happen," he said. "With an agent a buyer will have a better idea of what is happening. It's better to have two brains doing the thinking."

Merkel said the market continues to offer buyers many choices at many price points, and he believes auctions will fill the bill as sellers look to other options.

"In these times, a traditional real estate broker may not be the way to go," he said.

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through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

"I think my greatest duty is to ensure the Chapter is responding to the needs of anyone who comes to us for help by providing the highest quality education, support and care," she says.

She provides executive leadership in developing and implementing strategic policies, procedures and services; in developing strategic plans for future growth of the Chapter; and in developing the board of directors and board policy decisions.

Among other duties, she helps develop current operating plans and budgets and enhances fund development opportunities, soliciting key donors and developing key relationships.

"President Bush and Congress must take action NOW to stop this disease that today has no cure or effective treatment."

One of those key relationships is with former racecar driver, Howdy Holmes, owner of Chelsea's Jiffy Milling Co., whose own family was touched by Alzheimer's. An upcoming fund-raising event, "Summer Somewhere: Daytona 08" will be held Feb. 22 at Washtenaw Community College.

Longley's mother, who died recently of Alzheimer's, was a resident of Chelsea Retirement Community for 2-1/2 years, in Towsley Village, created for seniors with all stages of Alzheimer's and memory loss. The 70,000-square-foot



building includes a "Town Center" connecting four neighborhoods, with a movie theater, 1940's-style café, chapel, library, beauty/barber shop, physician's office, and enclosed outdoor courtyards.

"Mom got the best care in the world," Longley says. "Towsley Village was the first licensed facility to send staff to the Alzheimer's Association's Foundation of Dementia Care program, funded by the Chelsea Community Foundation. The training was evidenced in the care given to my mother by Towsley's nursing aides."

Longley and her husband Terry have roots that go deep in the local community. Terry's family has owned a

cottage on Four Mile Lake for over 80 years, and his great-grandparents had a cottage on Pleasant Lake.

"Terry and I owned property on Four Mile Lake and we were beginning our building plans, and I wanted to become involved in the community that I was going to live in," Longley says. "We completed construction on our house in 2000 with the help of the Chelsea Lumber building program."

The couple has always taken a very active role in community volunteering.

Longley became involved in the Chelsea Center for the Arts as a volunteer consultant in 1997. Joining the CCA board in 1998, she served as chair of the Yule Tree Gala for several years and was also chair of the board. She worked on fund-raising projects and strategic planning.

"Congress is now working with the President on a compromise to fund health, education and other programs. There should be no compromise on our nation's

commitment to medical research."

Her husband serves as a trustee of Faith Lutheran Church on North Territorial Road in Dexter.

In her spare time, Longley loves gardening at her Dexter Township home, entertaining, and playing with the family's three rescued Labrador Retrievers.

"I love country living," she says. "We're avid participants in community supported agriculture and shop regularly at the Dexter and Chelsea Farmer's Markets, Ruhlig's and Lesser farms and we are regular visitors to the Zabinski's Blueberry farm in Dexter."

"The President and Congress must finish the job they were elected to do. Appropriate \$30 billion for NIH to step up the fight against Alzheimer's disease - NOW."

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FAMILY

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individuals - that includes parents and children in each family. The aim is to make the holiday brighter and respond to Christmas wishes where possible.

All during the year, whenever the call comes, Dexter Family Services mobilizes to provide any assistance they can, calling on their members and local churches, schools and clubs. It really does "take a Village" to help when times are tough.

For fifty years, Dexter Family Services has been

helping folks who need help in any way they can. In partnership with Faith in Action they have been able to expand their assistance and solve more complex problems.

Writings in most religions admonish believers to "tend to the widow and orphans", take care of their neighbors and the weak and "the least of these, your brothers".

Nowhere in those writings does it specify a particular time of the year to do these things. It is understood that caring for our neighbors in need is a 24 hours a day, 365 days a year responsibility. Dexter Family Service was established to meet that challenge.

Girl Scouts present 'Fly Away Home'

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council and The Michigan Theater present Fly Away Home, starring Jeff Daniels and Anna Paquin, at noon on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Michigan Theater. This special outreach program to families costs just \$5 for Girl Scouts and \$7 for non-Girl Scouts. The admission price includes the movie, free small popcorn, soft drink and participation in a discussion group after the film.

Fly Away Home, the story of a father and daughter who rescue a flock of orphaned geese with ultralight aircraft, is inspired by the real-life adventures of Canadian inventor Bill Lishman. Fly Away Home is the second movie in the Girls Read! Series, sponsored by Borders. Walk-ins are welcome. Pre-register by calling (734) 971-8800.

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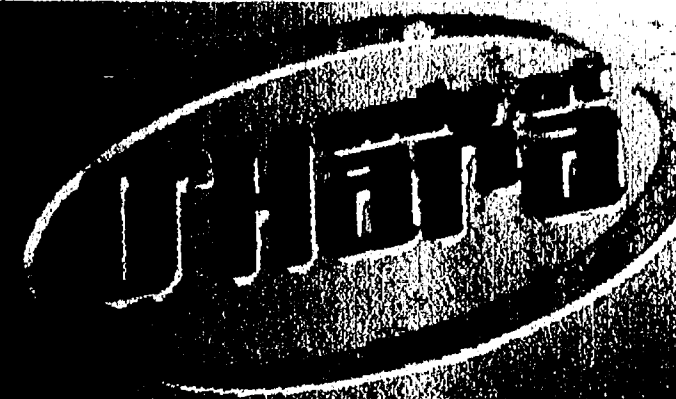
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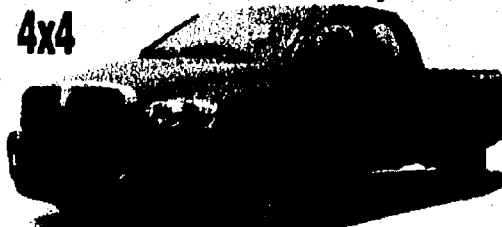
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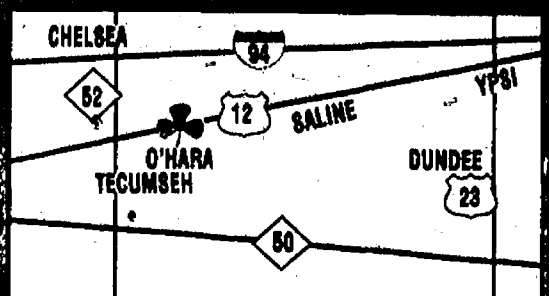
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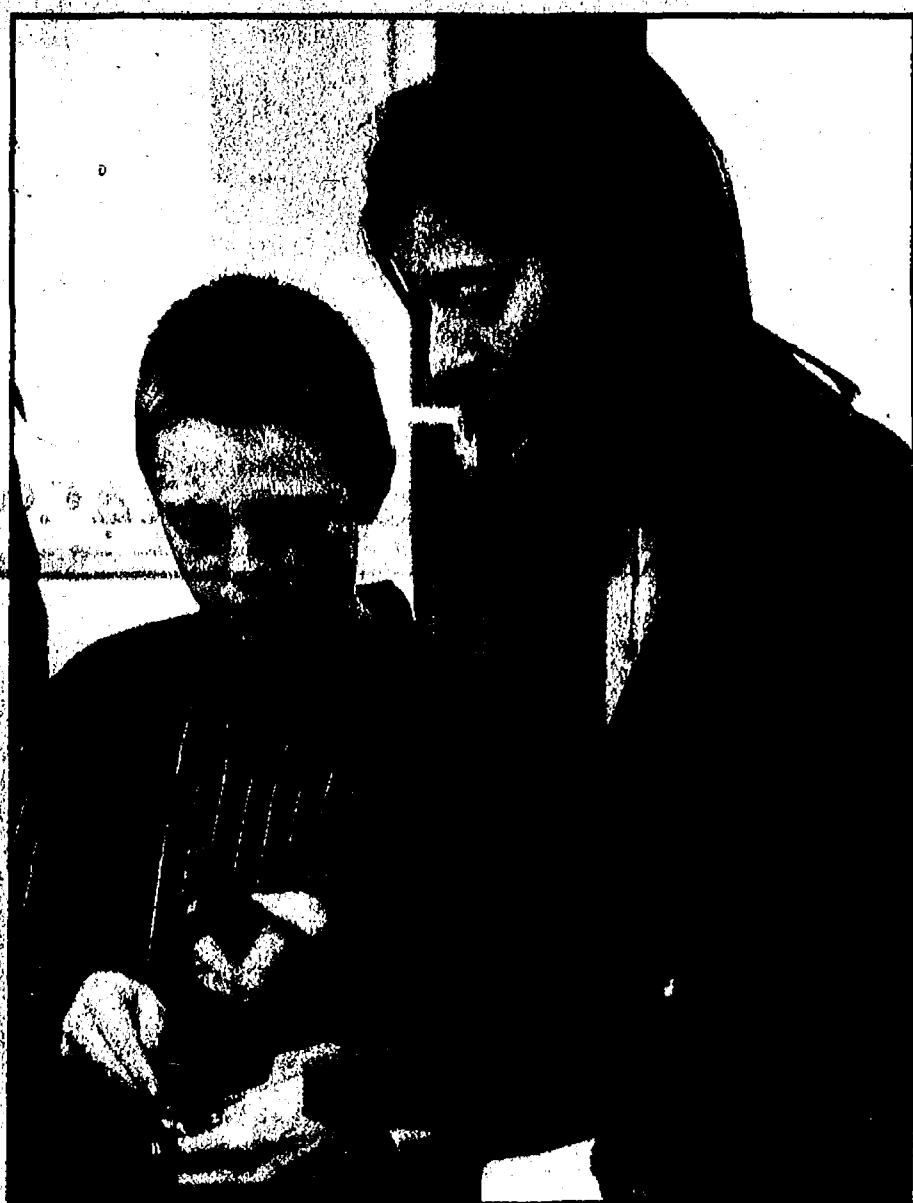
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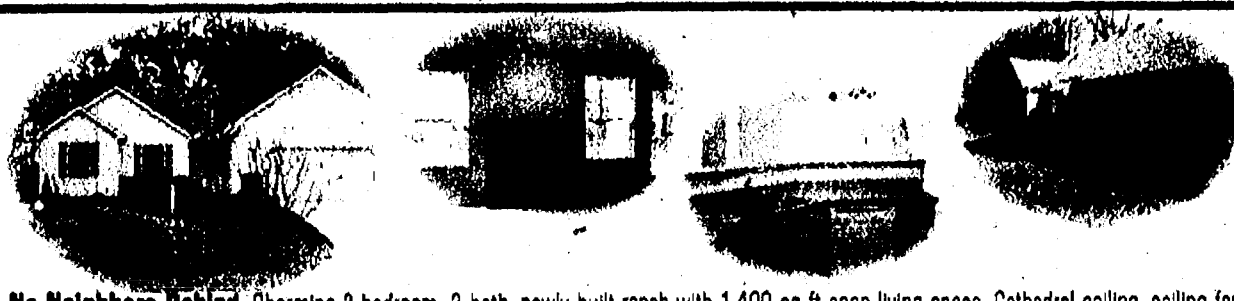
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and waits to see them again on the other side.

This summer, that same friend's mother, Willi, also passed away from cancer. My friend lost two special people in her life, meanwhile helping to take care of me. She went with me to the hospital, took my children to school, and distracted the two of them with shopping and treats. Even while my friend bunked at the hospice facility to be next to her mother's side, she would take breaks to call me.

When I look into her eyes, all I can think about is the fact that I am still here while she has two holes in her heart. Logically, I know that who lives and who dies has nothing to do with who was the kindest person or the age of your children. It has everything to do with the stage of your cancer and what your body can withstand. Logic doesn't always come easily.

Don't get me wrong. I am thrilled to still

be here. I just finished my third surgery and am looking forward to baking pumpkin seeds, walking through the Nichols Arboretum in the spring and waking up Easter morning. I want to hold my loved ones, feel their skin, and smell them.

I just feel certain that Theresa was wishing for the same things. Along with Willi. And Dave, my close friend's husband who died from colorectal cancer in 2004. And Virginia, another friend's mother who passed away from breast cancer when she was a teen. They are all gone while there is still hope for me.

The friends who lost someone to cancer and then selflessly help me out throughout my ordeal are priceless. They go out of their way energetically and hopefully, carrying me on a raft down this fast-moving river, making sure I don't fall into the water. I've never told them how guilty I

feel, hungrily sucking up their positive energy for my own selfish needs. Without their generosity with time and love, this would be a much darker journey.

This is a tribute to my friends and to the countless other friends out there who are helping cancer patients on their trips through IV's, tape, drains, doctors, geneticists, and fear. You boost my children

with fun activities, craft ways to keep me thinking about the future, check on my husband, and listen to me. Whether or not I am still the one here in another year or five or ten, your contributions to my life have not only impacted me, but the husband and children I may someday leave behind.

Alison Marable is a breast cancer survivor and has a master's degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University. She can be reached at alimarabelle@yahoo.com. Comment on her column via our staff blog, *Inside the Newsroom*, at <http://heritagewest-staffblog.blogspot.com>.

"This is a tribute to my friends and to the countless other friends out there who are helping cancer patients on their trips through IV's, tape, drains, doctors, geneticists, and fear."

Dinner to raise money for local cancer patient

A group of Chelsea citizens are hosting a spaghetti benefit dinner to help raise money for a young Chelsea resident recently diagnosed with cancer. The dinner will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Chelsea Fair Grounds kitchen.

The cost is a donation.

The evening also will include 50-50 raffles and a silent auction.

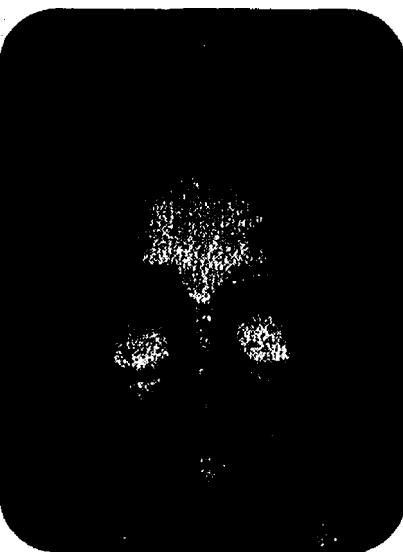
Robert Wood is a 23-year-old Chelsea resident who graduated from Chelsea High School in 2002. He recently graduated from college with an electrical engineering degree.

Robert started a new job in the same week he found out he had Hodgkins Lymphoma cancer.

"Although this disease has a very good prognosis, there are many bills that accumulate throughout the treatment," said Lynn Higelmire, one of the organizers of the fund-raiser. "Robert is currently out of work on a medical leave because of the side affects of the chemotherapy. With the help of the community we will be able to raise funds to help reduce the stress of paying these bills."



Obituaries



Betty Cavadas Prappas
Chelsea

Betty Cavadas Prappas of Chelsea died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 at Stockbridge Country Manor. She was 92.

She was born March 28, 1915 in Morgantown, WV, the daughter of Manhart & Susan Liskay. Betty was a loving mother and homemaker who loved and raised her own children as well as many children in the surrounding area. She loved to garden, crochet, cook and bake authentic Greek and Hungarian foods.

She married Constantine "Gus" Cavadas in Bowling Green, Ohio in 1938, and he died in 1967. She then married George Prappas in Ann Arbor in 1970 and he preceded her in death in 1990. Survivors include 4 chil-

dren, Maria (Fred) Petsch of Chelsea, Tassy Shear of Muskegon, Butch (Gwyn) Cavadas of Pinckney, and Angie (Tom) Smith of Chelsea; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 21 at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Ron Harris and Pastor Steve Kincer officiating. Burial was at Bethlehem Cemetery, Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

George "Jack" W.
Eubanks
Chelsea

George "Jack" W. Eubanks, of Punta Gorda, Fla. passed away on Dec. 19, 2007. He was 86.

Mr. Eubanks was born on June 23, 1921 in Leary, Ga., the son of Lloyd and Maude (Aycock) Eubanks. He was in the NAVY SeeBees during WW II after high school. He worked as a truck driver over 14 years for Jiffy Milling in Michigan, then he owned his own convenience store after that. Jack was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of Sacred Heart. He was an avid hunter in Michigan and an avid fisherman here. He also kept busy throwing a cast net

commercially for over 5 years here. He moved to Punta Gorda from Michigan in 1991.

Mr. Eubanks is survived by: his wife, Shirley Eubanks, his son, Ronald Eubanks and 7 grandchildren. Services for George "Jack" Eubanks will be 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Jerry Kaywell officiating. Please direct donations toward the Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238 or www.tidewell.org.

Robert Lyle Roberts
Grass Lake

Robert Lyle Roberts of Grass Lake, formerly of Chelsea, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007 at Foote Hospital in Jackson. He was 74.

He was born July 18, 1933 in Hazard, Ky. He worked for Guardian Security at the Jackson County Building. He also worked at Harper Pontiac and Grass Lake Chevy Dealership.

He is survived by his friends, Larry Alexander of Ann Arbor; Robin Alexander of Jackson; and Craig Smith of Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions may be made to an Angel Tree Ministry. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.



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By Diane Kieliszewski

Will 'subprime' loan crunch affect you?

If you've even casually followed the news over the past several months, you've probably heard about "subprime loans." But the issue can be confusing, and if you're like most people, you really just want a couple of questions answered: How might these subprime loans affect the economy? And will I need to adjust my investment strategy?

To begin with, let's define subprime loans. Generally speaking, a subprime loan is a mortgage made to a borrower who might not otherwise qualify for a loan. Subprime lenders typically charged these borrowers higher interest rates, but some subprimes were adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), which meant they carried a lower rate for the first few years of the loan.

Many subprime borrowers took out ARMs, hoping their credit would improve enough for them to qualify for a better rate before the mortgage rate was adjusted upward. When this didn't happen, they were hit with higher payments and many faced foreclosure. Because many of these mortgages had been resold and then packaged into other financial vehicles, the bad loans hurt these investments.

Ultimately, the subprime loan problem might jolt at least two sectors of the financial markets: housing and financial services. So, housing-related investments, such as real estate companies, and financial services firms, such as mortgage lenders, might experience some rough roads. Also, the subprime situation could lead to a potential slowdown in overall consumer spending. Why? Because if lending standards tighten, people may find it more difficult to tap home equity loans and lines of credit. And if consumer spending does slow, it could affect corporate profits, a key driver of stock prices.

As an individual investor, what moves, if any, should you make to prepare yourself for any potential subprime "aftershocks"?

To begin with, don't get so caught up in a possible subprime-fueled downturn that you overlook the many positive factors about the current investment outlook.

Although the real estate industry is slumping, the rest of the economy remains relatively strong. Furthermore, inflation and interest rates remain low and stable, and corporate profits still exceed expectations.

And no matter what happens in the investment world, you can hardly go wrong by following these tried-and-true techniques:

Choose an appropriate mix of investments. Build a portfolio containing a variety of investments that are suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. While diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets, it can help reduce the effects of market volatility.

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Home Depot puts Scio store on hold

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The proposed Home Depot project on Jackson Road in Scio Township has been halted indefinitely.

Township officials were disappointed to receive a letter from the hardware superstore company's law firm, Bloomfield Hills-based Dykema Gossett PLLC, announcing the termination of the project.

The plans laid out 102,513 square feet of store space with a 28,086 square-foot garden center and parking for 500 vehicles.

The store was expected to employ 175 people, which is about average for the company.

"This is an unfortunate sign of the times," said Township Supervisor Charles Nielsen, who added that the letter was effectively a request to withdraw a preliminary site plan from the township Planning Commission and Board of Trustees.

According to Nielsen, the Home Depot withdrawal is the latest in a string of four renegees by national companies that sought a place in the Jackson Road corridor — Scio Township's "downtown" area.

"Others have asked for site plan extensions," Nielsen said. "I think these companies are waiting for the economy to kick back in before laying the foundation."

Home Depot attorney Alan Greene said he has been through this same scenario in the township before.

"This is the second commercial project that I have worked on in Scio Township that has been cancelled recently," Greene said in the letter, the first being a proposed Applebee's Restaurant on Zeeb Road.

"I understand that this decision was based on both the high cost of this particular project and the extreme downturn in the building trades which has significantly impacted the business of a company such as Home Depot," Greene lamented the missed opportunity.

"It is unfortunate that the business situation in Michigan has come to such a low point," he said. "Particularly when the State and communities such as Scio have so much to offer."

At the end of the letter, Greene said that he hoped "circumstances could change and the project

will be resurrected," indicating that his client is at least still attracted to the location.

Nevertheless, for the time being the site plan is not on hold, but removed from the township's consideration.

The site

The proposed site for what would have been a 130,000 square-foot store comprises property owned by American Broach & Tool Co. and more than a dozen residential parcels.

The assembly of 12 parcels would have totaled 9.57 acres combined into one I-1 industrial zoned parcel, although with the removal of the site plan the parcels revert to their original individual zoning.

Home Depot had been trying to expand into the area with a Jackson Road location for years, with its last zoning attempt of American Broach property failing in 2003.

American Broach business manager Brad Kokmeyer was disappointed, but not really rocked by the news.

"Hopefully something else will come along," he said.

Kokmeyer seemed more sympathetic to the residential property owners, who started out as detractors of Home Depot landing in their backyards, although they eventually came to support the project as the company planned to buy their properties.

One of the residents involved, Dale Tripp, said that as part of their deal with Home Depot the residents weren't at liberty to talk about it. None of the other residents could be reached to confirm this.

The homes were built long before the area was zoned commercial, so they have accurately been

described as a residential "island" between I-94, Jackson Road and various businesses.

American Broach was founded in 1919 and the Kokmeyer family moved it to 4800 Jackson Road in 1988.

While business will go on for the company, the retraction of the site plan was an emotional experience for the Kokmeyers.

"My dad was involved with it and he passed away in May," Kokmeyer said. "It was already emotional losing my father. The property is nothing compared to that, but it was kind of his legacy. It was one of the last things that he was working on."

Edward Kokmeyer was 69 when he passed away and had been in the machine tool industry for 45 years.

According to Brad Kokmeyer, the company is moving to Ypsilanti, regardless of Home Depot's decision.

"We've already bought the property and we're in the process of prepping a building for the move," he said. "The pressure is a little bit less than it was a couple weeks ago, but regardless, we'll move in the spring."

The competition rests easy

Dan O'Haver, owner of Hackney's Ace Hardware in Dexter Village and Milan Ace's Hardware considered the retraction "good news," but not unexpected.

"To be honest with you, I'm not surprised," he said.

"I have been following these companies ever since their existence and they are all having significant, tough financial times right now."

According to O'Haver, sales at the "big box" hardware and construction

materials retailers are decreasing year after year, a measurement known as same-store sales for stores open more than a year.

O'Haver said the big retailers' same-store sales have been getting less and less attention as sales have declined.

"Despite the understatement, it is a real indicator of how they're performing," he said. "Both Home Depot and Lowe's have seen close to a 2 percent decrease in comparable store sales."

O'Haver is also Chairman of the Dexter Village Downtown Development Authority, a board member of United Bank & Trust in Dexter, a former software developer and one of the most well-respected Ace Hardware cooperative participants nationwide.

"Two things are contributing: one is the economy and two is cannibalization, which means they are saturating their own market with their own stores," he said.

There is already a Home Depot store in Washtenaw County, on Carpenter Road in Pittsfield Township and two more are located in Howell and

Brighton in Livingston County.

Lowe's also has locations in Ann Arbor, Scio Township and Howell.

"A store on Jackson would cannibalize the Carpenter Road store," O'Haver said. "If that store is seeing declining comp (same-store) sales, it really doesn't make sense to put another store nearby. They have just reached saturation levels of the market. Their stock prices have already gotten a haircut."

O'Haver also said he would not be surprised to see some store closures in some of the weaker markets, particularly Michigan, as the pendulum swings further toward retraction, although the chains will probably still grow nationwide.

There's a silver lining, in that "it's good for Ace Hardware, our store specifically, Stadium Hardware and Lowe's," O'Haver said.

"Whether it's good for the customer is hard to say. It will be one less competitor in the market place, but we're already at saturation, so it's good for the competition and good for Home Depot's existing stores."

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Reading the Bible this new year

Recent surveys say that a great majority of Americans believe in God and in the Bible. However, surveys also reveal that many Americans are not well educated in the Scriptures which they claim to believe.

With so many distractions in our technological age, it is no wonder that we are faced with an epidemic of Bible ignorance. In some homes the family Bible is replaced with HDTV's, i-Pods, and Xbox. Are these things wrong? No. Not when they are kept in their proper place. But when entertainment moves from a source of recreation to a lifestyle, something has gone wrong.

Fulfillment in life cannot come by way of the latest electronic gadget. The reading of God's word needs

to have a central place in our lives in order for our lives to be truly complete.

One reason for reading the Bible is simply that God expects us to do it. Isaiah 34:16 says, "Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read." Jesus asked this question many times, "Have you not read?" (Matthew 12:3, 5; 19:4; 21:16, 42; 22:31). The apostle Paul wrote, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (1 Timothy 4:13). And the apostle John wrote, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy"



MINISTERIAL Message

By Pastor Chris Dawson

(Revelation 1:3).

Another reason we all ought to read our Bibles is because our history is rooted in the Scripture. The ancient history of human kind beginning in the creation is recorded here. In order to reason intelligently on either side of the creation

v. evolution debate one must have an understanding of the Bible's teaching on creation. Not only that, much of our American heritage is based on the Holy Scriptures. How could you read our nation's constitution without realizing that our founding fathers were students of the Bible?

The most sobering and motivating reason for getting a good understanding of the Bible is that one day we will all be judged according to the things written therein. You cannot believe the Bible and deny this fact. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

I want to challenge you to read

through the entire Holy Bible this new year. It may seem somewhat of a daunting task to someone who has never undertaken it. But, consider that by reading only 3 or 4 chapters (15 or 20 minutes) per day you can complete the Book of books in one year. One could make a habit of reading before going to work in the morning, or at the lunch break, or before retiring at night. For just 15 minutes of each day wouldn't it be a great accomplishment to have read through the entire Bible in 2008?

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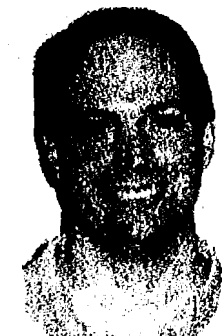
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Don Richter
goes beyond
the final
scores.



Mistletoe, Snow Miser, Bing and Perry

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

I hope the holiday season finds everyone in good cheer and, hopefully, under the mistletoe with their favorite girl or guy.

Go ahead, pucker up, no one's watching.

With the 10 inches or so of snow that fell from the sky recently, at least we had a white Christmas this year. It's always strange, and a little disappointing, when it's Christmastime and it's dry and green and/or brown depending on your lawn, outside.

It looks like, at least this year, the Heat Miser was not Mister Hundred and One, huh? It looks like brother Snow Miser trumped the old, flaming hair dude this season. Thank goodness. Rock on, err, should I say, snow on, Mister Ten Below.

Speaking of old Christmastime shows, I was flicking around the myriad TV channels recently and happened upon a PBS special about Bing Crosby, Perry Como and the Hollywood Palace variety show. I had never heard of the show before and never really listened to Crosby or Como, except for Crosby's ubiquitous "White Christmas" song heard on most radio stations this time of year.

Anyway, while watching the program, it dawned on me that performers such as Crosby and Como are endangered species of sorts nowadays, aren't they? What talented men they were. It was like watching a graceful, accomplished and poised man like Harrison Ford or someone else of his elevated ilk, standing alone on a stage and simply singing. Do we have performers like that anymore?

Without sounding like a crotchety, old man, which I'm not, I assure you, I'm inclined to believe that in today's world you'd see that same show sans a Crosby or Como-like singer, and instead, force-fed a precocious brat of a performer who has a "look" or a no talent, bling, bling hip-hop nobody gyrating across the stage with lights flickering and the crowd standing and clapping to the bopping beat.

Enough already. Has Beyonce had her

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Chelsea senior guard Michael Roberts goes up for two points in the Bulldogs' match up versus Saline Dec. 18.

Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Missed free throws costly

By Don Richter

Sports Editor

The little things count. Excellence, it's said, is in the details.

In basketball, one of the little things is shooting free throws. In games between two evenly matched teams, it's little details such as converting free throws that can mean the difference between winning and losing. So it was for Chelsea's boys' basketball team against Saline Dec. 18. Though playing well and giving a good effort, the Bulldogs (1-2) lost to the visiting Hornets 47-43.

In the contest, Chelsea finished 7-of-18 from the line for 39 percent. On the other hand, Saline ended up 11-of-20 from the charity stripe for 55 percent.

In a game as close as the Bulldogs-Hornets match up was, it was the little things, the details, that ultimately determined the final outcome.

"In our first two games, we shot free throws really well," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "If we make four or five of those, we could have stemmed the tide. In our first two games of the season we were shooting 70 percent from the line. That (39 percent) was unusual for us. Sometimes you have nights

like that."

From the floor, Chelsea out-shot Saline, finishing 17-of-38 for 45 percent. The Hornets were 16-of-44 for 36 percent. The Bulldogs were 2-of-11 from beyond the arc, while Saline was 4-of-11 from three-point land.

On the boards, Chelsea was strong, out-rebounding the Hornets 31-27. Saline out-rebounded the Bulldogs 15-13, however, on the offensive glass.

In the turnover battle, oftentimes a little thing that determines games, both teams were basically equal, with Chelsea committing 22 miscues and the Hornets 21. Saline finished with 12 steals defensively, while the Bulldogs had seven.

Defensively, in the paint, Chelsea ruled, blocking seven Hornet shots. Saline, in contrast, managed only two blocked shots.

The Bulldogs began the game on fire, taking a 22-8 first quarter lead. Chelsea was 9-of-12 from the floor in the first quarter.

"We were able to get off to a good start," Raymond said. "The first quarter and a half was the best we've played all season."

In the second quarter, the Bulldogs continued leading 32-19.

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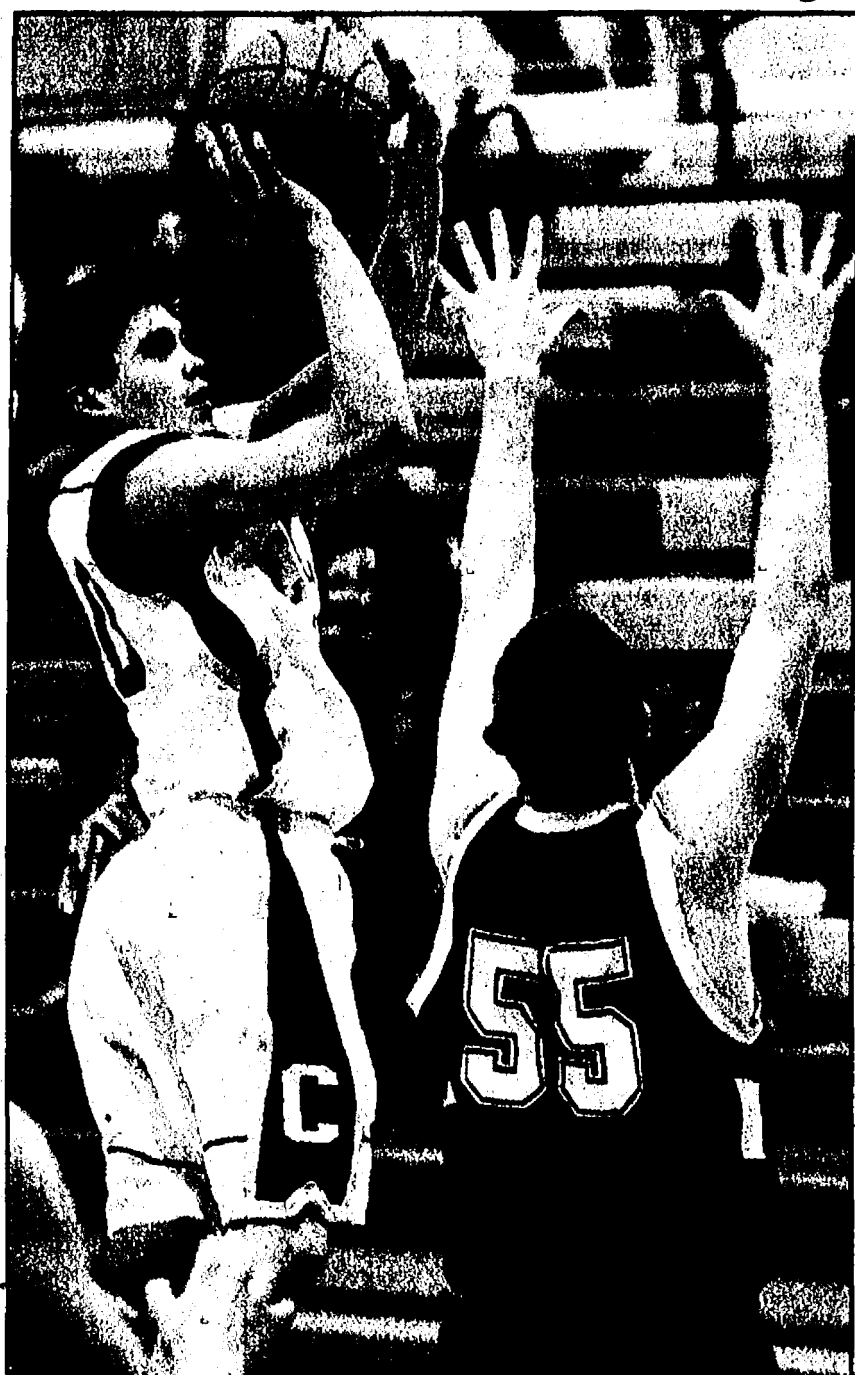


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Chelsea senior forward Greg Rebuldela scored four points and grabbed five rebounds for the Bulldogs in last week's 47-43 loss to Saline.

Basketball Brown leads Beach to win

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade boys' Blue basketball team defeated visiting Adrian Blue 18-14 Dec. 19.

Logan Brown led the Bulldogs with eight points.

Luke Hollandsworth added five points, while Tony Vermilye and Jayden Sweeney each had two points for Beach.

"Logan Brown played his best defensive game of the season," said Chelsea coach Mike Bareis. "Michael Steinhauer played tremendous defense on a very good Adrian opponent."

"I'm very proud of the improvement we have made since the first time we played this Adrian team at the start of our season."

Chelseas next travels to Saline Blue for a game Jan. 9 at 4 p.m.

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to host Tecumseh 23-19 Dec. 19.

Jake Fischhaber paced the Bulldogs (6-3) with 12 points.

Jack McDougall added six points, while Adam Burman had five points for Beach.

Andy Cerfany finished with four points, while Cody Ellyson and Nathaniel England each had three points and Truman Hadley and Alex Stock each had two points for Chelsea.

Beach shot 5-of-21 from the free throw line, while Tecumseh was 11-of-14 from the line.

"This should show the guys the importance of free throws because that was clearly the difference in the

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MHSAA approves belief statement

A belief statement about school sports, written by members of its Student Advisory Council was approved for publication in the Handbook of the Michigan High School Athletic Association by its Representative Council during its annual fall meeting in East Lansing Nov. 30.

The fall meeting is the first of three for the 19-member legislative body of the Association's nearly 1,800 member schools. All but five members are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities; and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

The Student Advisory Council is made of 11th- and 12th-graders from around

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Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong
Bulldog senior guard Matt Schwarze makes a pass in last week's Southeastern Conference game against Saline.

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"In the last three minutes of the second half, I felt Saline got their second wind," Raymond said. "They hit some big shots. They had the momentum at the half. We wanted to reestablish ourselves in the third quarter."

In the third quarter, Saline continued playing well, outscoring Chelsea 15-4 and cutting the Bulldogs' lead to 36-34 heading into the fourth quarter.

"We were 1-for-10 from the floor in the third quarter," Raymond said. "We couldn't buy a basket."

In the fourth quarter, the Hornets outscored Chelsea 13-7 for the game's final margin.

"It was nip and tuck the entire quarter," Raymond said. "Saline was 9-of-12 from the free throw line in the fourth."

Leading the Bulldogs individually was senior guard Elliot Marshall and junior center Michael Stratman (6-foot-7) each with eight points. Marshall also added three assists and two rebounds, while Stratman had four rebounds and two blocked shots.

Senior guard Matt Schwarze chipped in seven points, three rebounds and three assists, while junior forward Jake Mantel had six points, five rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots.

Senior forward Greg Rebulde ended up with four points, five rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots, while senior forward Stu Mann had four points, five boards, one steal and one blocked shot.

Sophomore forward Tyler Zegazewski had three points and four rebounds, while junior guard Michael Roberts had two points and three rebounds for Chelsea.

Junior forward Brett Everding added one assist for the Bulldogs.

"It was a game that was there for the taking," Raymond said. "All of this, however, will be a learning experience for us. We'll be better because of this game."

Chelsea next hosts its own Holiday Tournament Thursday through Friday. Besides the Bulldogs, teams competing in the event include Howell, Northville and Jackson. A player to watch in the tournament is Jackson senior forward Darryl Stinson (6-6, 235). Stinson is being recruited for both football and basketball at the Division I level.

On Jan. 3, Chelsea hosts Southeastern Conference White Division opponent Ypsilanti Lincoln at 7 p.m.

On Jan. 4, the Bulldogs travel to Brighton for a game at 7 p.m.

JV basketball

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team defeated host Tecumseh 42-38 Dec. 13.

The Bulldogs (1-1, 1-0

SEC) outscored the Indians 10-5 in the first quarter.

At halftime, Chelsea continued leading 23-16.

Entering the fourth quarter, Tecumseh rallied to take the lead 30-28.

In the fourth frame, the Bulldogs regrouped, outscoring the Indians 14-8 for the night's final margin.

"We played much better against Tecumseh," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "A number of players are making positive contributions."

Conor Tait led Chelsea with nine points.

Ben Sauers, Pat Roberts, Shawn Schotenboer, Nate Branham and Colton Waterbury each finished with six points.

Nate Udell and Roberts each dished out for assists for the Bulldogs. Scott Devol had four rebounds.

To begin the season, host Chelsea lost to Pinckney 66-40 Dec. 4.

The Pirates led 13-10 after one quarter.

At the break, Pinckney led 37-23.

The Pirates led 53-32 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the last stanza, Pinckney outscored the Bulldogs 13-8 for the game's final tally.

Branham paced Chelsea with 10 points.

Waterbury added seven points, while Sauers had six points.

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the state. This 16-member panel was created during the 2006-07 school year to help represent the student-athletes of MHSAA member schools, and one of the first major tasks it chose to do was to develop a beliefs statement which reads as follows:

"As the voice of Michigan's student-athletes, the Student Advisory Council's role is to convey the message of how high school sports are supposed to be played. We are responsible for helping the MHSAA maintain a positive and healthy atmosphere in which interscholastic athletics can thrive.

"We believe athletes should be competitive, sportsmanlike and excel academically. We believe students in the stands should have fun, but not take the focus away from the game. We believe coaches should act as teachers, helping student-athletes develop while still keeping high school sports in perspective. We believe that parents should always be positive role models and be supportive of their child's decisions. We believe officials commit their own time to high school sports and respect should always be shown and given to them.

"The most important goal for student-athletes is to enjoy high school sports while keeping a high level of respect between all those involved in the games."

The belief statement has already begun to become a part of the school sports culture, being read before ath-

letic contests. A video involving the members of the Student Advisory Council is also being developed to be played on the video boards at future MHSAA tournament events.

The Representative Council also approved a school sportsmanship feedback program to be implemented beginning in 2008-09. Schools will be evaluated on the sportsmanship of their student-athletes and coaching staff, as well as the management of the environment of the event by game officials. Officials would go online to provide feedback in those areas in terms of the sportsmanship being below to exceeding their expectations.

The data provided would be used internally by schools to help identify positive and negative sportsmanship trends and game management issues. Officials would still deal with specific issue encountered at an event of a positive or negative manner by using the Officials Report Form.

Beginning in 2008-09, the MHSAA will purchase sports rules books from the National Federation of State High School Associations on an alternate year plan. The MHSAA provides rules books to schools and officials, and under this plan approved by the Council, will provide rules updates, when necessary, in the

years in which books are not purchased. Michigan joins a growing number of state associations in purchasing rules books on an alternate year basis, a move that is expected to save the Association over \$58,000 annually.

In the only sport-specific action taken at the meeting, the Representative Council approved a unanimous request of the MHSAA Girls Gymnastics Committee to survey participants, coaches and students of schools sponsoring girls gymnastics, as well as MHSAA registered gymnastics judges regarding the placement of that sports season, asking if they would prefer the high school season in the fall, rather than the winter. Results of the survey are expected to be reported at the Council's winter meeting in East Lansing March 14.

The fall meeting was also the last for four Representative Council members who have served the MHSAA for a combined total of 61 years. Council president Paul Ellinger, retiring superintendent at Cheboygan Public Schools; William Newkirk, retiring superintendent at Sanford Meridian Public Schools; Randy Salisbury, athletic director at Britton-Macon High School; and Leroy Hackley, athletic director at Jenison High School, were all honored for their service.

These shoes were found 46 yards from the crash caused by a drunk driver. Carissa Deason was thrown 30 yards and not even her father, a doctor, could save her.

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Ad Council

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Christmas special, yet? Or is Hannah Montana, or whatever her name is, planning a New Year's Eve blowout party? Either way, I can't wait — to not watch.

Sorry for the Christmas rant. I didn't intend for this column to travel down that, slippery, possibly too much information, road.

Getting back on track, my Christmas wish list for area sports teams is short, but hopefully, sweet.

For Chelsea, my wish is for hockey passes that don't hit shin pads, a healthy wrestling team, a steadfast swim team and basketball shots that find their marks.

Over in Dexter, I wish for quick starts in the pool, hard-nosed defense on the court, a voidless meet on the mat and plenty of bright lamps on the ice.

Merry Christmas, Bing. Happy New Year, Perry. Good job, Snow Miser. Happy Holidays everyone.

Now where'd I put that mistletoe?

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BEACH

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game," said Chelsea coach Brian Sayers.

On Dec. 12, the host Bulldogs defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 28-25.

Fischhaber led Chelsea with 12 points.

Stock had eight points, while McDougall had six points and Cervany four points.

Robert Hughes and Hadley each netted two points, while Burman had one point for Beach.

"I was very pleased to see our guys respond the way they did after losing to them earlier in the season," Sayers said. "We worked hard in practice on rebounding and defense, as well as executing backdoor cuts on offense."

Chelsea next hosts Adrian White Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

On Jan. 10, the Bulldogs travel to Saline Gold for a game at 5:30 p.m.

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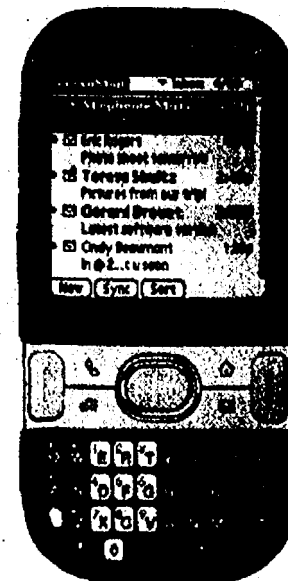
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Chelsea Events & Programs

Saturday
The Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. will have tours every Saturday 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. located at 400 N. Main St. Groups are by appointment, by calling 433-5499. Visit the Web Site at www.chelseateddybear.com

German Social Club will meet 1 p.m. at Wolverine Bar and Grill, 20460 Old US-12 in Chelsea. For more information, call Edith at 475-1583.

Tuesday, Jan. 8
A Financial Aid Workshop will be held 6:30 p.m. for parents of high school juniors and seniors in the Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer Rd. For more information, call Karen at 433-2243 ext. 1011.

Saturday, Jan. 12
Western Washtenaw Republican Committee will meet 9 a.m. in the Chelsea Clock Tower, second floor. Coffee and snacks provided. For more information, call Craig McGregor at 734-891-5576.

Participation Saturday will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. Participants can paint, draw, make a print or enjoy the other visual arts activities throughout the building. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 433-2787 or the Web site at www.chelseacenterforthearts.org

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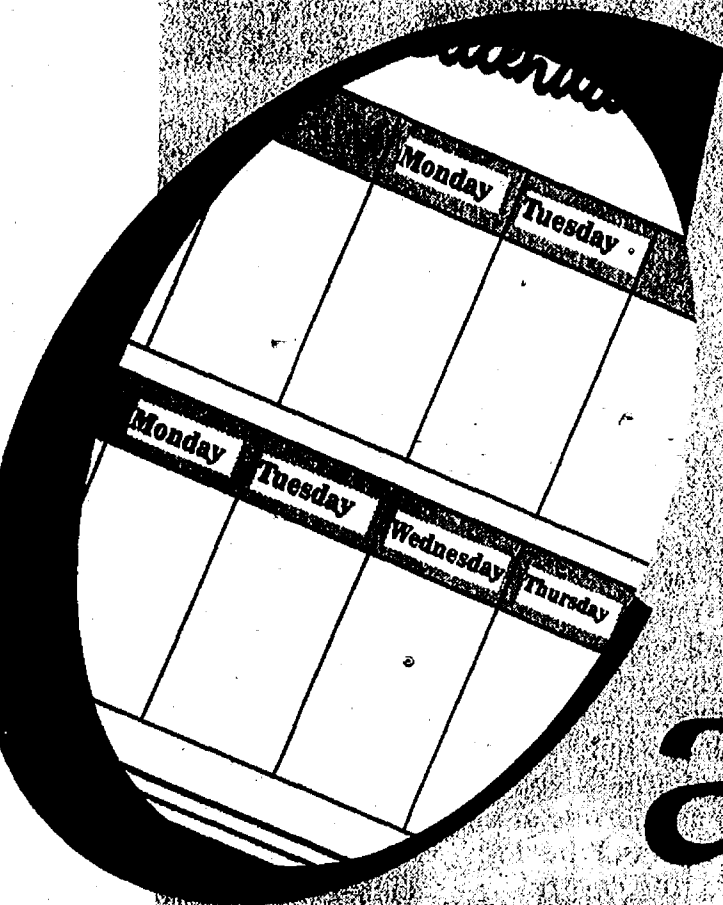
McKune Memorial Library
All events take place at the McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea. For more information, call 1-734-475-8732.

Thursday Winter Break
Movie for Kids: "Surf's Up!" 2 p.m. Free movie and popcorn.

Jan. 7 Winter Family Reading and Science Program
Registration. Sign up today to read 10 hours with your family this winter and get a free book. This year's theme is "Polar Science Adventures."

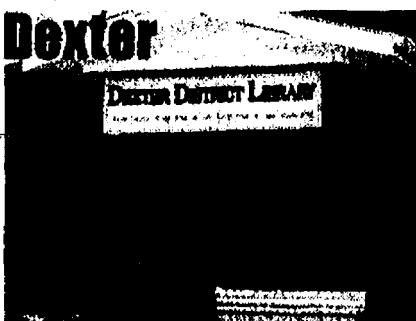
Jan. 7 Guys Read Book Club
begins. Registration. For boys only, ages 8-12. Sign up today to get your

Weekly



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Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. Open to the public. For more information, call Dorothy at 426-3813.



Events & Programs

Dexter District Library
Dexter District Library is located at 8040 Fourth Street in Dexter. For further information, please call the library at 426-4477.

Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1. The Library will be closed for the Holidays

Wednesday, Jan. 2. Registration begins, for Winter Story Times:

Toddler Story Times are at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday or Thursday
Preschool Story Times are at 11:30 a.m., Monday or Thursday

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Registration begins for the Winter Family Reading Program "Polar Science Adventures" presented by the University of Michigan's Museum of Natural History.

Families set reading goals for three months and record their reading time on records provided by the library. Sign up for any of the Hands-on Science Workshops presented by the Museum (Ages 6-12 with parent).

Saturday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m.

"Ice Worlds: Why are the Poles so Cold?"

to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Dr., in Superior Township. Call 973-7892.



Parks

Hudson Mills Metropark
The following are programs and events scheduled for the Hudson Mills Metropark. The park is located at 8801 N.

Friday, Jan. 4: Movie with the McKune. This month's movie will be "The Prestige" 1PM. This 2006 Thriller stars Hugh Jackman and Michael Caine. Set in Victorian England it is the tale of two competing magicians who each try to top each others tricks.

Friday, Jan. 11: Wii Preview thanks to the McKune Memorial Library we have a Wii. Don't let your grandkids have all the fun. Come to our kick-off event on January 11

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sledding (weather permitting). Warm up at the Activity Center with hot chocolate and make a craft to take home. Fee: \$2 per person. Pre-registration required.

Waterloo Recreation Area

The following are programs and events scheduled at the Waterloo Recreation Area. The Eddy Discovery Center is the headquarters for the WRA and is located at 17030 Bush Road in Chelsea. For more information on program and events call 1-734-475-3170.

Hiking Hickory Hills: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5. Enjoy a vigorous hike through a hilly, mature forest, while working off some holiday calories. And hear a bit of the history surrounding this beautiful trail. Ages eight and up, please.

(Participants may want to wear orange since we will be hiking in a hunting zone.)
Living off the land 10,000 years ago: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Naturalist Dan Farmer will offer an intriguing look into the daily lives of the people who lived in Michigan long before the Europeans arrived. This will be an entertaining family program that ages 6 and up will enjoy. Program length 60 minutes.

Hunters of the sky: 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Live raptors will be featured in this program presented by Francie Krawcke of the Leslie Science Center. Learn about the amazing eyesight of hawks and the remarkable hearing of owls as you view these birds up close. Program length 60 minutes.

January activities at The Chelsea Senior Center

from 10-noon and give it a try!
Saturday, Jan. 19: Bridge Tournament at the Chelsea Grill: Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m. \$35 includes prize money, Continental Breakfast

and Buffet Lunch. Open to all Bridge Players. Party "Chicago Style" Format. Contact the Chelsea Senior Center for more information 475-9242.

Concert for kids of prisoners

The "Come and Listen" Christmas Benefit Concert for Angel Tree featuring recording artist, Rufus Harris was cancelled due to the snow storm last Sunday. It has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28. The concert will be held at Dexter United Methodist Church.

Every year, more than 50,000 children of Michigan's prisoners are forced to do hard time—time spent growing up with a parent missing from their daily lives. Christmas is an especially difficult time for children whose moms or dads are imprisoned. By brightening Christmas for the child of a prisoner, Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree program helps children begin to heal the pain of being separated from their mom or dad, and offers these families an important connection with a community that can offer support and love during a time of isolation.

Dexter United Methodist Church will host the "Come and Listen" Christmas Benefit concert which will feature Rufus Harris—a Michigan-based recording artist who released a Christmas album of the same name in 2006. Harris is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who often shares his music in Michigan prisons. Cross Rhythms—a London, England magazine and radio station—called him "an exceptionally fluid guitar player" and "a talented-songsman." The concert is designed to bring awareness to Angel Tree and to serve the thousands of Michigan Angels.

Dexter UMC is located at 7643 Huron River Drive in Dexter, Michigan. The concert is free. An offering will be taken during the event. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

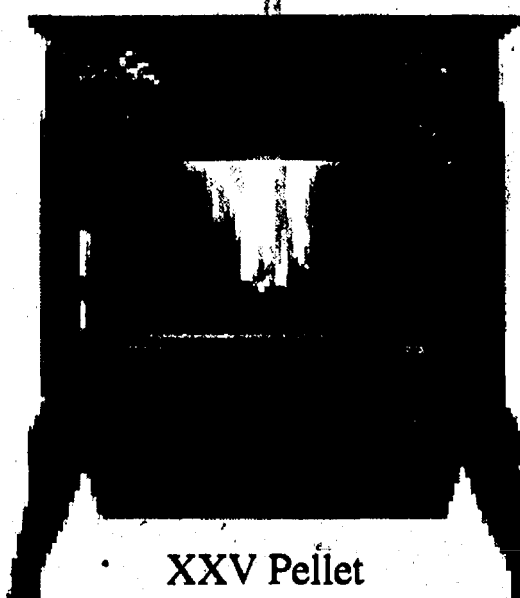
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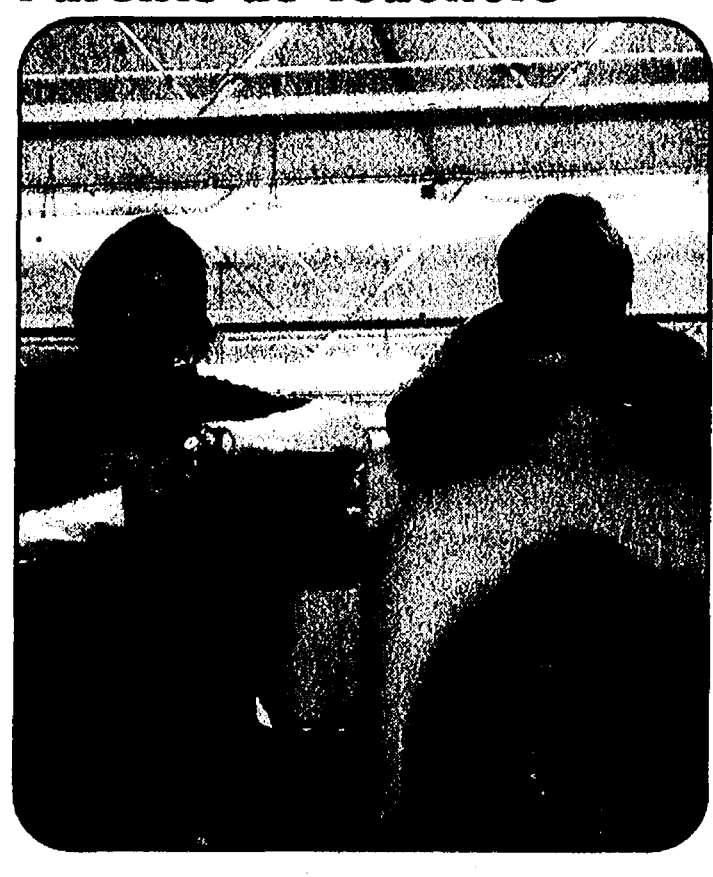
Many of you may feel slightly overwhelmed at the moment; so much to do! Endless shopping, baking, obligations, planning for travel or visiting relatives, toddlers teething, ice and snow on the roads...help!

There is no right or wrong way to make it through the holidays. We all will make mistakes and become tired at some time. Giving gifts of ourselves, from our hearts make the best memories for our children.

Demonstrate an attitude of gratitude: Show your child what appreciation looks like. Thank someone who has been helpful. Give a hug and word of praise to your child when she picks up her toys or gets into the car seat without complaining.

Tune into simple things. Slow down and savor the true gifts that surround you both during a walk. Children often remind us of the beauty of our surroundings as they squeal with delight at the sight of a squirrel, bird, or snow flakes falling!

Parents as Teachers



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Develop gratitude rituals. Whether it's grace before meals or asking your child what good things happened during the day, these rituals are reminders of what you can be grateful for. Most children can learn to say "please" and "thank you" as soon as they become verbal. The concepts of empathy and give and take are ingrained more gradually, but can be reinforced daily with

practice.

Sowing seeds of gratitude is essential to raising a happy, emotionally healthy child. The basis of happiness is to appreciate what you have at the moment. Raising a grateful child has never been more challenging.

Warm wishes to all!
Deb Alvarez, Parent Educator, Chelsea Parents As Teachers

Life in tune

Dexter graduate makes music her life's work

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

A Dexter High School graduate has parlayed a lifelong love of music into a career as a professional performer and instructor.

Emily Price Dietz showed an early interest in music and she credits her parents, Don and Suzanne Price, and Dexter band directors Gerald Woolfolk and Martha Scharchburg, for nurturing her talent.

"The biggest factors in getting me to where I am are having parents who were very supportive and encouraging, (and) having the luck to find several great teachers who taught me good technique and habits, and showed their love for music," Price Dietz said.

"She had very good listening and auditory ability, which translated well into music, and we kept trying to remove the obstacles," Don Price recalled.

"We took her to a performance at Hill Auditorium of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra with Kurt Masur, and that's all it took - she fell in love with it."

"Although she started with the clarinet, she said it was just a matter of 'dumb luck' that she made to move to the French horn.

"Toward the end of sixth grade, Gerald Woolfolk, asked if anyone would be willing to switch to one of the more unusual but needed instruments, including horn," Price Dietz said.

"I knew next to nothing about the horn other than that it was interesting-looking and only one other student played it in my band. The chance to play something unique appealed to me."

"It was really frustrating at first but I really loved the sound of the horn - or, more accurately, I loved the sound of my teacher's horn."

She also took private lessons from University of Michigan music professor Louis Stout.

"He was the first person to suggest that I could and should be a musician too," Price Dietz said.

"So, from there he guided me through the process of being a good high school musician and preparing for college."

"I knew that the prospect of being a professional musician was a tough one, and if I had been interested in any other field even half as much as I was in horn, I probably would've pursued that instead."

Emily graduated from Dexter High School in 1994, then went into the music program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"When she auditioned for the UW she was very well prepared," her father said.

Her college years changed her life in more ways than one: She met her future husband, Christopher Dietz, a professional composer and instructor at Oberlin and Hillsdale colleges.

"We first met in a music theory class as undergrads at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1995 and began dating in 1998," Price Dietz said. "We've been married since August 2003."

She went on to earn a bachelor of music degree at UW, where she studied



Emily Price Dietz

with Douglas Hill, and a master's of music degree from the College-

Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, where she studied with Randy Gardner.

She has participated in the Music Academy of the West and National Orchestral Institute summer festivals and has played with the Detroit Symphony, the Milwaukee Symphony, the New World Symphony, and several regional orchestras and chamber groups.

An enthusiastic chamber musician, Price Dietz has played extensively in brass and woodwind quintets, and is currently a member of the Great Lakes Brass Quintet and the Ann Arbor Symphony Woodwind Quintet.

She has been a member of the Toledo Symphony's horn section since 2000, and is also busy as a horn instructor, teaching a studio of middle and high school students.

Price Dietz spoke of the many challenges and rewards of being a professional musician.

"The most challenging is probably the fact that in order to play my best, I have to practice a lot, every day," she said.

"Don't get me wrong, I do love it, but it'd be nice to

leave my horn at home when I go on vacation!"

She noted how brass players' faces feel "out of shape" after even just a couple days without practice, so her horn goes with her pretty much everywhere, or she suffers the consequences.

"The most rewarding is that feeling of being completely 'in the moment' while performing, when everything is clicking and you feel your mind and body working together as you concentrate completely on the sounds you want to create," Price Dietz said.

"It's hard to reach that level of focus and confidence; sometimes I'll be playing a concert and a thought as mundane as 'I should buy milk on the way home' enters my mind, or sometimes it's 'Here's the hard part - don't mess up!'" She added that it is also very rewarding to see people react to a performance. "It's great to know that I'm helping someone in the audience experience a work of art the way the composer intended: Live, in a concert hall."

Another thing music has taught her can't be found in any sheet music.

"It gives you confidence when you learn a piece that you didn't think you could do; it gives you confidence in other things in life," Price Dietz said.

Her most recent performance was Friday morning on "Live from FM 91," on Toledo's public radio station, WGTE-FM, during which she played several duets with a pianist and was interviewed by the host.

The last time she and the Toledo Symphony were in the area to perform was a year ago, but she'd like to play at an even more local venue.

"We did play at the new performing arts center at Saline High School last year," she said. "I'd love to play at Dexter's new Center for the Performing Arts."

Washtenaw County

County, state both failing Healthy People 2010 goal

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

Unless Michigan acts more decisively in the next few years, the state will fail to meet many national standards for healthy children, families and neighborhoods.

According to a 2007 Kids Count report released Dec. 4 by the Michigan League for Human Services, though fewer Michigan teens are binge drinking and smoking, more children are overweight and exercising too little.

The report covers all of Michigan's 83 counties and the City of Detroit and examines 18 wide-ranging health goals for children and teens that are set by the Healthy, People 2010, a national initiative to advance health and well-being.

"Michigan is making progress, but it is not fast enough to meet the goals in many areas, and minority children and youth are further behind in meeting most of the targets," Michele Corey, community advocacy director, said.

According to the report, Michigan achieved the HP 2010 targets for three indicators by 2005: immunization for toddlers, teen pregnancy and physical fights among high school students.

"Being healthy is about much more than just making sure a child gets adequate medical care. The health of our children reflects the conditions in which they live in our communities, such as housing, and the resources in their families and neighborhoods," Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate and project director, said.

According to the report, the state rate for fully immunized toddlers reached the HP 2010 target of 80 percent by 2002. In 2005, the state pregnancy rate of 28 per 1,000 teens, ages 15-17, was well below

"These trends are particularly troubling as these childhood conditions elevate the risk of latter physical or emotional health problems."

Jane Zehnder-Merrell,
senior research associate

the HP 2010 target of 43 per 1,000, and the 30 percent of Michigan high school students who reported having been involved in a physical fight in the previous 12 months fell below the target of 32 percent.

In Washtenaw County, the rate of teen pregnancies fell from 18.5 per 1,000 in the year 2000, to 13.5 per 1,000 in 2005. The new rate reflects a 27 percent change closer to the county's goal.

"This good news didn't hold true for everybody," Michele Corey, community advocacy director at Michigan's Children, said. "These achievements mask substantial disparities by race. Rates on these measures are much worse for African-American children who are three times more likely to live in poverty than white children. Unless we change our strategies dramatically, African-American children will not meet the target goals by 2010."

Striking racial disparities persisted on most of the indicators with African-American children having roughly triple the rates of infant mortality, and double the death rates for young children and early elementary children, hospitalizations for asthma among young children, and low-birthweight babies, she said. An overarching goal of the Healthy People 2010 is eliminating disparities in

health outcomes, according to the report.

Four areas where the state experienced worsening rates included low-birthweight infants, child abuse or neglect, overweight high school students, and a companion problem of too few youth exercising vigorously on a regular basis.

The roughly 11,000 Michigan babies born weighing less than 5 and 1/2 pounds in 2005 suffer from elevated risk of developmental delay, chronic health problems and death. The 2005 state rate of 8 percent of low-birthweight babies remains well above the HP target of 5 percent.

"These trends are particularly troubling as these childhood conditions elevate the risk of latter physical or emotional health problems as these children and youth become adults," Zehnder-Merrell said.

The most dramatic improvements reflected declines in substance abuse among teens. Binge drinking among Michigan high school students dropped by 23 percent, and tobacco use by 22 percent between 2000 and 2005.

In 2005, 23 percent of high school students reported using tobacco during the previous 30 days, compared with 30 percent in 2001. The rate of students who reported consuming five or more alcoholic drinks within a couple of hours dropped from 29 percent to 23 percent over the same period.

However, in order to meet the Healthy People 2010 target of 11 percent of high school students binge drinking, Michigan's 2005 rate would have to drop by half in the last five years of the decade.

For more information, visit the Web site, www.milhs.org.

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Local authors honored

"From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries," a book written by Sharon Kegerreis, a Chelsea resident, and Lorri Hathaway, was recently recognized by the Library of Michigan as one of its 2008 Michigan Notable Books.

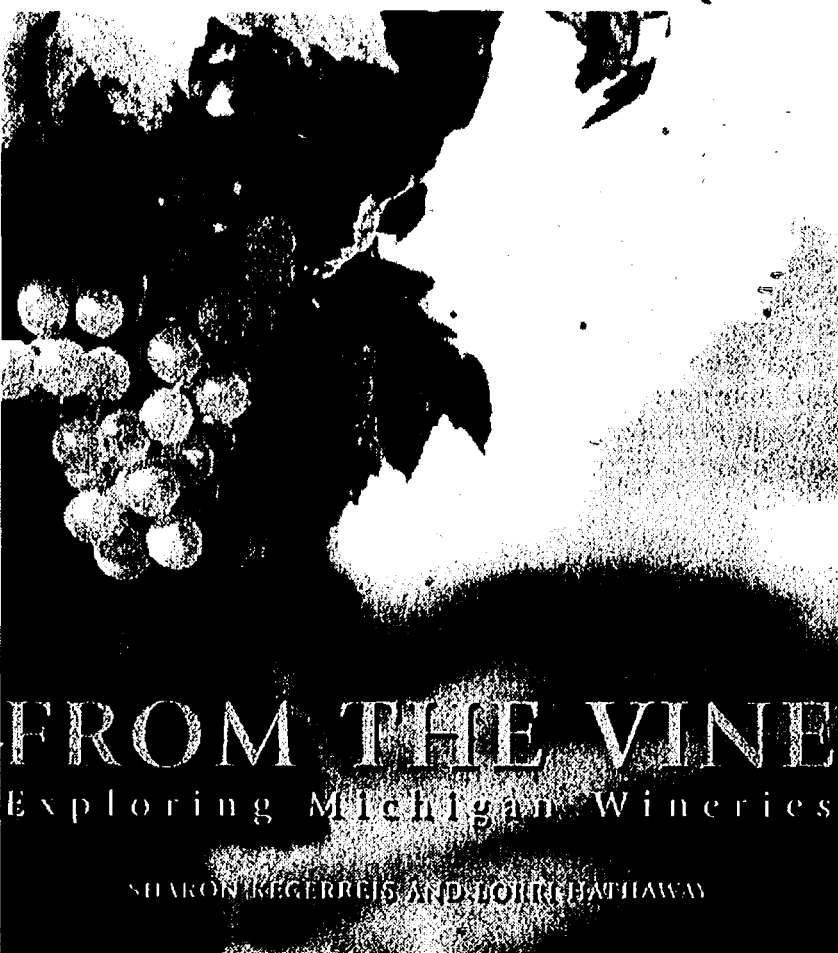
The Library of Michigan last week announced the 2008 Michigan Notable Books (www.michigan.gov/notable-books), 20 books highlighting Michigan people, places and events.

These books, from both well-loved writers and first-time authors, showcase the diverse experiences of Michigan's people and life in the Great Lakes State. This selection of books published in 2007 demonstrates the variety present both in Michigan life and in its literature: conversations with President Gerald Ford; the involvement of and impact on Michigan in the Civil War, World War II

and Vietnam War; poetry that celebrates Michigan's natural wonders; novels that use Michigan backgrounds to tell stories of family or intrigue; and tributes to Michigan's unique art, architecture and music, and the finest in Michigan foods and wines.

Each year, the Michigan Notable Books list features 20 books published the previous calendar year that are about or set in Michigan or the Great Lakes region or are written by a native or resident of Michigan. Selections include nonfiction and fiction and typically have a wide appeal to the audience, covering a range of topics and issues close to the hearts of Michigan residents.

For more information about the Michigan Notable Books, call (517) 373-1300, visit www.michigan.gov/notable-books or e-mail michigan-notablebooks@michigan.gov.



Authors Lorri Hathaway (left) and Sharon Kegerreis take readers on a Michigan tour down four distinct wine trails.

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EASY #33

MEDIUM #33

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

AGENDA

NEW YEARS DAY/MEETING
CANCELLED

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN JANUARY. THE MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 22, 2008
Webster Township Board Meeting

Regular Meeting
January 22, 2008 at 7:30 PM
5665 Webster Church Road
Dexter, MI 48130

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.
Posted: December 19, 2007
Publish: December 27, 2007

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

SUMMARY OF ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2007

Called to order at 7:03 PM
Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Koozers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Lesser, Ottomano and Wojno. Also present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning and Zoning.

Absent: Trustee Howard
The Board approved the Consent Agenda, along with gross December payroll of \$22,970.37, General Fund bills of \$69,580.34, Fire Fund bills of \$81,827.49 and Police Fund bills of \$27,293.93.

The Board approved amendments to the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$132,400.00, noting that the total projected revenue and expenditures for FY 2007/2008 remain unchanged, and that the amendments only shift funds between departments and/or line items.

In addition, the Board took action to affirm Supervisor Kelly's reappointment of Ken Tappe to the Planning Commission, and the appointment of new Planning Commission members Molly Wade and James Korick. The Board also reappointed Pat Kelly to the Zoning Board of Appeals; reappointed Jack West, appointed new members Pat Kelly, Vickie Koozers and Debra Cao, and alternate member Carl Lesser, to the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Board.

The Board also approved crediting \$2,700.00 in private road fees on the Hanover Glen project, noting that the action is not intended to set a precedent and that any other requests for credit or refund will be judged on their own merits.

The Board discussed the January 15, 2008, meeting and the conflict with the Primary Election. Clerk Rider recommended, and the Board agreed, that the meeting should still be held, but action should be limited to approval of the consent agenda, and bills and payroll, with any additional items scheduled for the January 29th Budget meeting, or the February 19th Regular meeting. The Board also approved changing the start time for the January 29th meeting to 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township
Summary approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township
This Summary of the December 18, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Dexter Township Clerk, and approved by Pat Kelly, Dexter Township Supervisor, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 41.72a(5). A draft of the full minutes of the December 18, 2007, Regular meeting of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays). The full minutes of the December 18, 2007, Regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the January 15, 2008, Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site www.twp-dexter.org.
Publish: December 27, 2007

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS

- NOTICE -

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL
HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. An Application for a Private Road Variance by Noel Tichy, 100 Crescent Drive, Gregory, MI 48137. (E 05-01-461-012)
2. Board may consider other matters as deemed necessary.
Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Linda Reilly, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.
The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individual with disabilities at the public hearing.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.
A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Linda Reilly, Lyndon Township Clerk

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CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by ALAN ROEBUCK of SPACE-MAKERS INC., for a variance from the requirements of SECTION 3.10 B Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), to CONSTRUCT A GARAGE 16' FEET IN HEIGHT AS MEASURED HALFWAY BETWEEN THE PEAK AND THE EAVES. CURRENT LIMIT IS 12 FEET.

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: # 06-07-07-250-035
307 MADISON ST., CHELSEA, MI

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (15) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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CITY OF CHELSEA

SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007
WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Call to Order

Present: Council Members Present: Feeney, Albertson, Lindauer, Martinez-Kratz, Anderson, Holmberg, City Manager John Hanifan, and City Clerk Burch

Absent:

Others Present: Nancy Anderson, Gary Adams, Mark Oulmet, Brad Roberts, Glen Wiczorek

Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval Of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to approve minutes with the correction of meeting called to order at 7:30 and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to approve the regular agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

Council Business

1. Wellfield Improvement Project Contract Award
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to award the contract Award for the Well Field Improvement Project to Douglas N. Higgins, Ann Arbor, MI for the not to exceed contract amount of \$375,000. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Sewer and Water Franchise Ordinance with Sylvan Township
MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to adopt Ordinance No. 155 Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Franchise Ordinance. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

City Council Committee Assignments

Feeney

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to approve the resolution appointing Andy Johnston, as the City of Chelsea's Board Member to the MMPA, with City Manager Hanifan as the alternate. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to adopt the 2008-2010 Board of Committee Liaisons and Delegates. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Request to sell used equipment at public auction
MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to allow for the disposal of no longer City used equipment and vehicles (as detailed in the attached listing) to be auctioned during the Chelsea Area Fire Authority auction to be held on Saturday, December 1st. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, John Hanifan
Police Chief Report

COUNCIL REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved: December 11, 2007

Ann E. Feeney, Mayor
Teresa Burch, City Clerk

Publish: December 27, 2007

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public accuracy test for the January 15, 2008 Election will be conducted at 9:30 AM on Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. This accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk

Posted: December 10, 2007
Publish: December 27, 2007

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE ABSENTEE BALLOTS

For the January Primary Election to be held on January 15, 2008 Applications for absentee ballots are obtainable (9 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F) until Monday January 14, 2008 and I will be in my office on Saturday January 12, 2008 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130

Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130 by the time polls close at 8 p.m. on Tuesday January 15, 2008 in order to be counted. Please call the clerk at 426-5103 with questions.

Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP ATTENTION RESIDENTS - NOTICE -

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP-ELECTION COMMISSION WILL MEET ON:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008
AT 12:30 P.M.

At the Lyndon Township Hall
17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118
734-475-2401

AGENDA:

1. PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST TO TEST THE ACCUVOTES AND AUTOMARK MACHINES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, JANUARY 15, 2008.

2. COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Linda Reilly, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Linda Reilly, Lyndon-Township Clerk

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING — DECEMBER 18, 2007

The Webster Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on December 18, 2007 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Kleinschmidt, Koch, Fink, Westman, and Zoning Administrator: Pindzia, five residents.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Approve Minutes

Motion Koch second Whitney to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 20, 2007 as presented. Discussion all ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda

Motion Heller second Koch to approve Agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

Commissioner Ken Schwartz

Kaufman Presentation

"Taking it back" Industrial Base

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report:

Motion Whitney second Fink to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before the January meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. Planning Commission:

Report received.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee:

No report received.

D. Zoning Inspectors Report:

Report received two permits issued and nine inspections performed.

E. Sheriff's Report:

Report received.

F. Zoning Board of Appeals:

No report received.

G. PDR Committee:

Report received.

H. Fire Department Report:

Report received Special Meeting on December 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Dexter Township.

Old Business:

A. ZBA Alternate

Defer until January meeting

New Business:

A. January Board Meeting

Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to have the Board meeting held one week later on January 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Webster Township Hall. The Primary Election will be held on January 15 at the hall. All ayes and carried.

B. Smoking on Township Property

Supervisor Kingsley will write a smoking policy the board will review. In six months. In the meantime smoking is to be at the side door only.

C. PDR Budget Amendment

Discussion took place.

D. PDR Expenditures Boundary Survey & Phase 1 Environmental Assessment

Motion Kingsley second Heller to approve Arbor Land Consultants, Inc. boundary survey proposal & Mannik-Smith Phase I Environmental Site Assessment proposal. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

E. Hall Rental

Two issues discussed Supervisor Kingsley to review Policy Resolution and report back to Board at the January meeting.

F. Commercial Node at Intersection of North Territorial & Mast

No action took place.

G. Approval of Appraisal of Contract for Ann Arbor Country Club

Motion Fink second Westman approval of appraisal contract for Ann Arbor Country. Roll call vote Fink, Kingsley, Kleinschmidt, Koch, Heller, Westman all ayes and Whitney no motion carried.

Correspondence

Motion Kingsley support Kleinschmidt to accept with regrets the resignation of Don Heller from the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals.

Call to Public

Adjourn: Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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Health Watch: University of Michigan

Study finds decisions change depending on risk

If there were a pill that would cut your risk of breast cancer in half, would you take it? What if you were told your risk of breast cancer was already below average?

In a newly published survey, women who were told their risk of breast cancer was above average were more likely to endorse taking the hypothetical pill than women who were told their risk was below average. The above average group was also more likely to believe that the pill significantly reduced breast cancer risk—even though both groups were told the pill would cut their risk of breast cancer in half.

Researchers from the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center surveyed 249 women in a hospital cafeteria. Participants were given a scenario in which their own risk of breast cancer was 6 percent. Then, half of the women were told the average woman's risk of breast cancer was 12 percent; the other half were told the average risk was 3 percent.

Both groups were told in the hypothetical scenario that there was a pill that would reduce their breast cancer risk to 3 percent, but it caused side effects

including hot flashes in most women, with a small risk of cataracts, stroke or heart attack. They were then asked to say if they would take the pill, given their risk of breast cancer.

No matter what their decision, 62 percent of the women said the average risk information was helpful in making a decision about whether to take the drug.

But, the study authors contend, this influence could be dangerous. After all, if a prevention strategy reduces a person's risk by half, does it matter if others receive more or less benefit?

"What's really important is to focus on your risk and the benefits you could get from a treatment. Knowing how one's own risk compared to the average woman's risk actually changed people's decisions. It's very worrisome that this piece of information had an influential impact on a woman's perceptions of a breast cancer prevention drug," says study author Angela Fagerlin, Ph.D., research assistant professor of internal medicine at the U-M Medical School and an investigator at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Results of the study appear in the December issue of "Patient Education and Counseling."

The study authors argue that comparing individual risk against average could lead people to make poor decisions. For example, below-average risk does not mean zero risk, yet low-risk women might think they can skip their yearly mammogram. On the other hand, women at high-risk might undergo risky treatments that they might otherwise not have chosen.

"When you give women their five-year risk of breast cancer, it might be 3 percent, and that 3 percent seems really low. But the way women tend to use comparative information is worrisome. They're focusing too much on where they stack up against average and they disregard their own individual risk information what that risk means to them," says Fagerlin, a member of the U-M Center for Behavioral and Decision Sciences in Medicine.

The study authors urge doctors and health educators to use average risk carefully when discussing individual patients' options.

"People should focus on what their own risk is—how does that risk feel to them,

and what do they think of their treatment or prevention strategies. We believe that when making a medical decision, people should consider the risks and benefits of their prevention or treatment options and they should make the best decision based on their perceptions of those risks and benefits. The decision should not be influenced by whether their risks or benefits are greater or less than another person," Fagerlin says.

The risk estimates used in the study were fictitious. The drug mentioned is modeled after tamoxifen, which can be given to women at high risk of breast cancer to help prevent the disease. The average woman's lifetime risk of breast cancer is 12.7 percent, or one in eight. But an individual's five-year risk of breast cancer will vary based on family history, environmental exposures and lifestyle issues. Some 178,480 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and more than 40,000 will die from the disease.

For information about breast cancer risk or screenings, visit mcancer.org or call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at 800-865-1125.

Playing the part

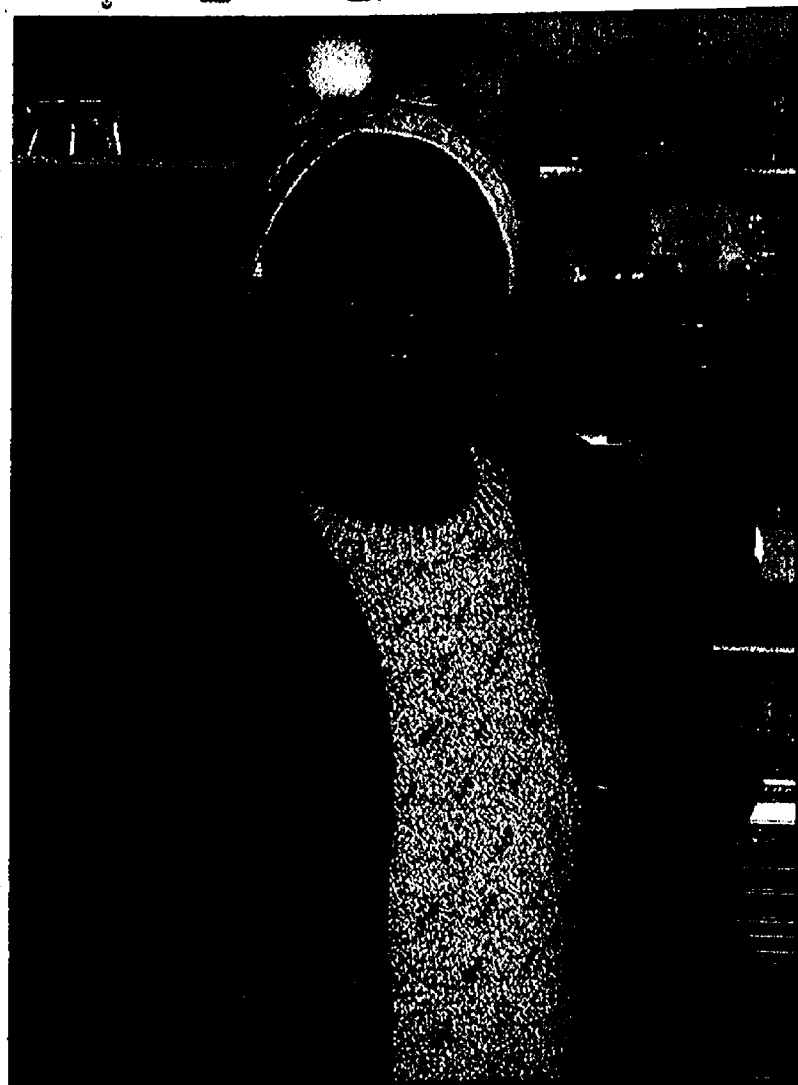


Photo by Edward Freundl
Gary Moore was definitely in the holiday spirit when he stopped into Pierce's Pastries Plus on Friday morning.

Health Watch: Briefly

Blood drive

The American Red Cross has released a list of blood drives in the area for January. To schedule an appointment and get more information about donating, as well as directions for donor locations, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit www.givelife.org.

In Chelsea: Sunday, Jan. 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, 14200 Old U.S.12, Chelsea

In Dexter: Sunday, Jan. 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 3430 Dover Street, Dexter

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Thetford Corporation, 800 Baker Road, Dexter

Coping with death

Coping with the death of a parent can be very difficult. Heartland Hospice is offering a free five-week series, "Adult Loss of a Parent," beginning Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008, through Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office, 3840 Packard Rd., Suite 280, Ann Arbor. For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Bereavement Coordinator, at 734-973-1145 or toll free, 888-973-1145.

Grass Lake Health and Fitness expert honored

In an effort to expand and formalize the fitness and weight management knowledge of Curves franchise owners and staff, Curves International and The Cooper Institute last week announced Mandy Otto has received The Cooper Institute Circuit Training and Weight Management Certification.

Designed specifically for Curves, the certification focuses on kinesiology, anatomy, physiology, nutrition, and weight management.

"My skills as a weight management consultant have increased, and I am also able to better individualize programs for my members," said Mandy Otto, Grass Lake Curves franchise owner. "I have more ability to effectively change our members' lives—one person at a time, which is what this is all about."

Mandy Otto, owner, earned The Cooper Institute Circuit Training and Weight Management Certification by:

- Attending a week-long Curves

franchise training program called Club Camp and securing a Club Camp certificate.

- Completing a college level course in Kinesiology and Anatomy.

- Completing a college level course in general nutrition.

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Shop with a cop

Program brings Christmas cheer to many local children

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Anyone shopping at or driving near the Jackson Road Meijer store on at about 6:30 p.m. Dec. 19 might have thought the place was being robbed or under some sort of attack.

But it's actually a regular occurrence, happening every year when a motorcade of Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department cruisers and transport vans arrive with lights flashing, according to Store Manager Kathy Keillor.

"Our customers think we're being robbed," she said. "It's quite a spectacle!"

After the reds and blues are turned off and the vehicle doors swing open, it all becomes clear as dozens of children excitedly pile out in dark blue shirts with sheriff's deputies and light blue-shirted chaperones who are either a law enforcement officer's relative or a Dexter High School volunteer.

This year 100 children participated in the "Shop with a Cop" event that has been put hosted by the Scio Township Meijer for the past six years by the Dexter Community Organization for Public Safety.

"Our business usually drops to zero while they're in the store, but we don't care, because it's for these children," Keillor said. "They love it. They deserve it."

It's an entire evening of positive experiences for children from disadvantaged homes or families that have suffered a tragedy or hardship.

The evening starts out with dinner and an opportunity for the children and the deputies to build a rapport with each other.

"The process is that we set everything up, spend some time initially with the kids and during that time it's all about getting to know them," said Washtenaw County Sheriff Daniel Minzey.

"After we establish that comfort level, we load them all up in the cars, which are all cleaned up and shiny, and you get to turn the lights on, and off they all go to Meijer. (The store) really has been a wonderful partner in this."

Each kid has a budget of \$100 to spend in the store, including gift cards donated by Meijer and cash donated by businesses, such as Thetford/Norcold Corp. in Ann Arbor.

Many other area businesses and groups sponsor the event, which is part of the Sheriff's Department budget under the special projects fund.

"We have people stop by

and businesses donate to sponsor the kids," Minzey said. "There is just a tremendous amount of support behind the scenes."

Although the children are encouraged to purchase for themselves, the deputies learned long ago that the children are just too generous and selfless for that.

"We find a lot of times that kids go in there to shop for mom or dad, because they can't normally shop for them," Minzey said. "This is that unique opportunity that a kid has their own money to buy others presents, and they take advantage of it."

Janet Lape of Grass Lake Township was sneakily snapping pictures of her three grandchildren as they shopped, primarily for their parents.

"Oh God, I don't want them to see me or else they might buy me something," she said. "I've already got all that I need for Christmas right here, so I'm going to stay out of sight and enjoy."

Lape said that, judging by the looks on the kids'

faces, that the deputies deserved another gold star to wear.

"The reaction on their face was priceless," she said. "I think they had a good time and a very special evening."

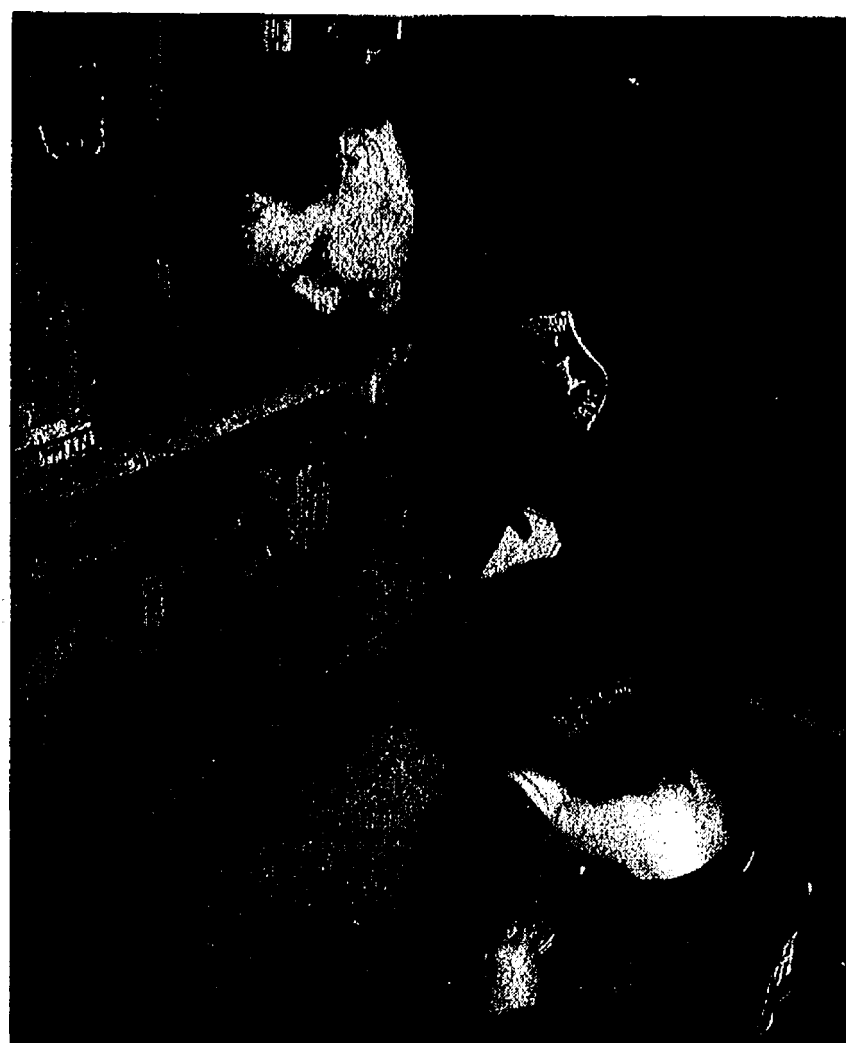
After they cleared the checkout lanes, the motorcade whisked them back to one of Dexter's schools for a wrapping session plus milk and cookies.

While the final phase of Shop with a Cop is several hours of cookie eating, gift-wrapping fun, it's over before you know it and DCOPS is already thinking about next year, according to Minzey.

"Usually they're looking for a little extra help every year," he said.

This year the Ypsilanti city police department was going to pitch in with the sheriff's department, but it wasn't in the cards, according to Minzey.

"It was unfortunate, but resources are down for a lot of folks and everyone is working overtime to cover the shifts that they need to,"



Sheriff's Deputy Jake Mackenzie helps Brandon Bell look at skateboards.

he said. "We usually team up with Ypsi city and the folks with the state police, but resources got so thin this year that we're stretched with the officers to find the particular time."

"I think we'll be able to get this back on line next year."

Shop with a Cop has gone

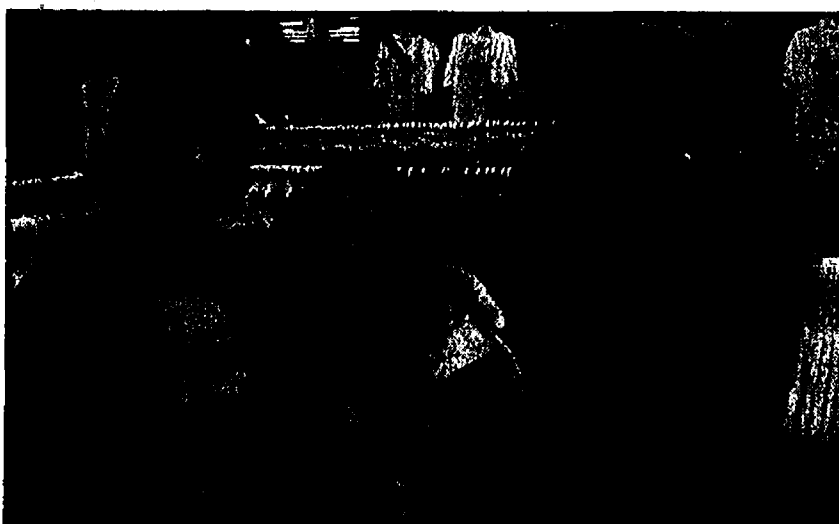
through numerous permutations over the years — sometimes with everything happening on site at Meijer or a visit from Santa.

One thing remains the same: the department's dedication to the event and the need for support from business and the community.

Sheriff's Lt. Brian Filipiak, Cpl. Paul Mobbs and retired Cpl. Rick Boham are the founders of the program.

"We started this with the help of the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce," Filipiak said. "They help us get the word out in their newsletter, and the schools are a great help in finding the kids who needs this and giving us space to have the activities."

For more information, call Gieske at 734-424-0587 or Mobbs at 1-734-424-4240, ext. 7228.



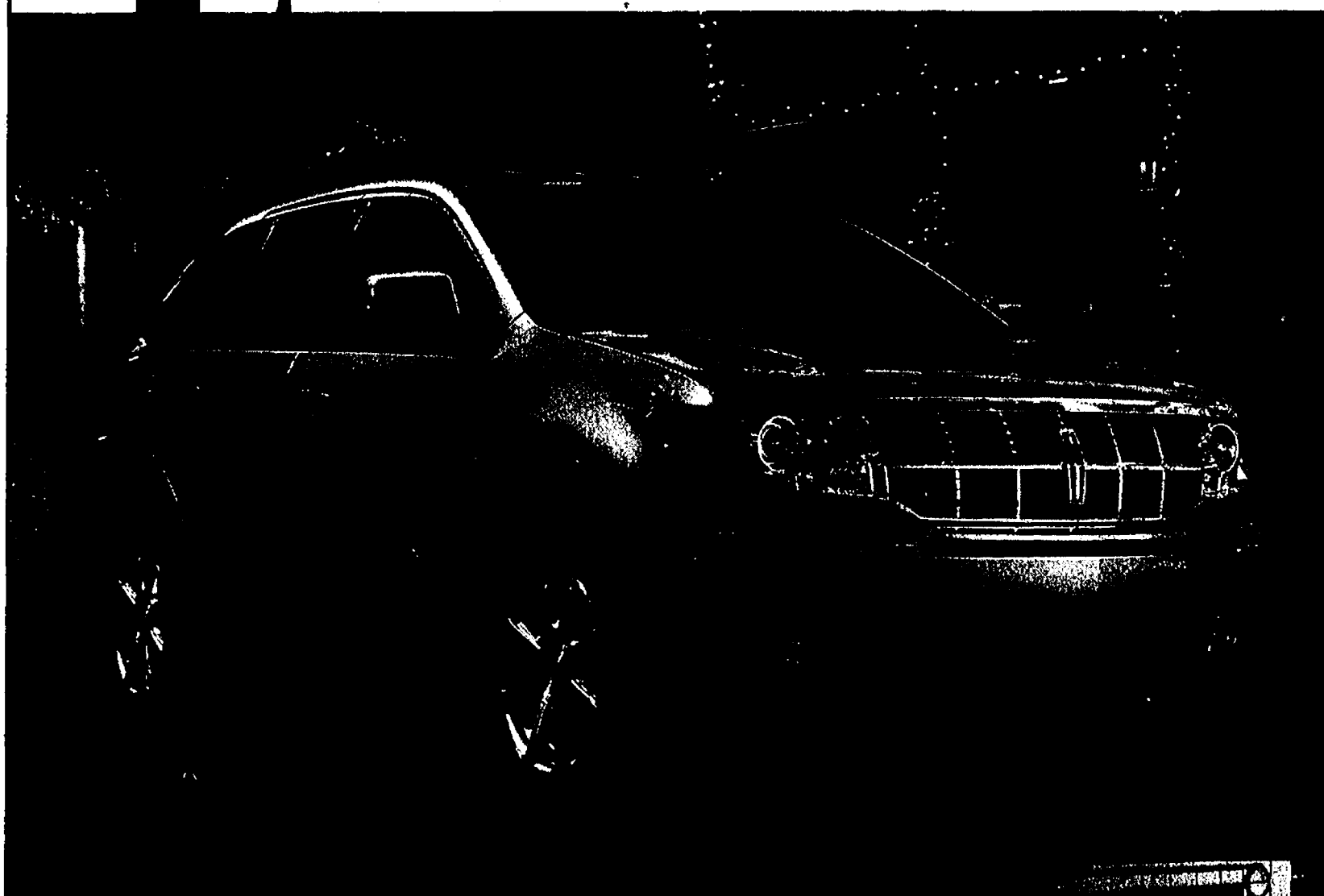
Charles Beach, Garit Birchmeier (front row, left to right), Julia Jakacki, Linsay Lloyd (second row), Loren Dalton and Sheriff's Deputy Donna shop at Meijer.



Carly Imelr (left) and Alexis Butler stop to just goof off a bit with Sheriff's Deputy Jamie Stitt.

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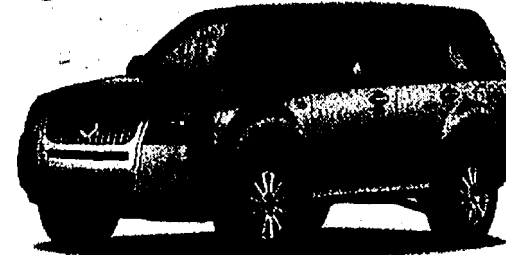


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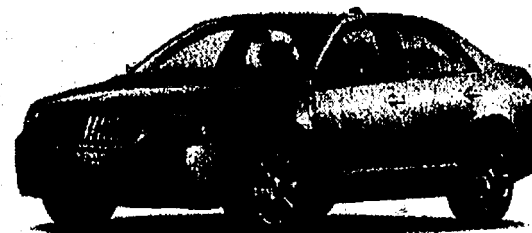


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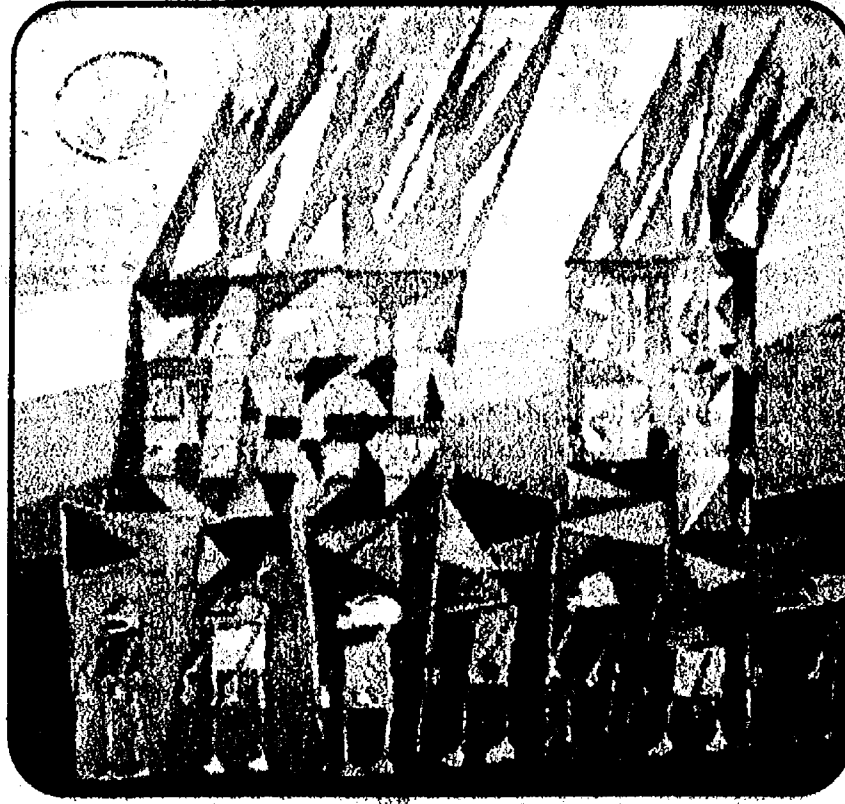
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A brush of love

Lyndon couple share passion for painting

By Sheila Purglove
Special Writer

L yndon painter Kent Ashton Walton may be a practicing artist and writer who recently had an exhibition of his works.

But it wasn't always that way.

As a young man in his native England, Walton once painted a series of oil paintings on hardboard. Leaving his apartment for a vacation, he returned to find his roommate had used his masterpieces to fix wonky floorboards, nailing the artwork face down.

"That was quite the critique," Walton says. "I took quite a blow to the ego on that one."

Walton, a native of Norfolk on England's east coast who grew up in the English Midlands, showed an early talent for art during his teen years at Leicester Gateway Technical Grammar School and the Leicester College of Art and Technology.

While family and teachers hoped he would become an architect, a visit to an architectural firm put paid to that idea. "All those people lined up at easels and drafting boards - it was engineering, rather than creative art, and just not my cup of tea," Walton says.

Inspired by English teachers who introduced him to the classics, Walton turned down a scholarship from the Architectural Association in London in favor of studying philosophy at King's College London.

"I was a disappointment to my mother and family, who had hoped I'd find a serious career in architecture," he says. "They didn't think philosophy was terribly practical."

They may have been right. After teaching philosophy at a London college, Walton married an American gal and came stateside in the mid 70s. He studied philosophy at UC Berkeley, where he discovered philosophers were a dime a dozen. "I remember that year there was one philosophy job listing in Alaska - of all places - and probably thousands of applicants," he says.

Turning to a more practical bent, he obtained a PhD in Educational Psychology and worked as a psychologist in K-12 education in the Toledo area.

His passion for art continued unabated, and he enjoyed painting and drawing, mainly abstract acrylics and collage. In 1994 he had a collage work accepted at the Toledo Museum of Art exhibition.

Walton, who describes his art as primitive, whimsical, Fauvist and cartoon-like - in fact some pictures even have captions - recently exhibited his latest work at ART 634 in Jackson. His format is mostly watercolor pens and ink on paper.

"In the early years, my interest was in line drawing, realistically portraying what I saw and making it look interesting

through composition and technique," he says. "I now prefer, in the traditions of artists like William Blake, Paul Klee, Marc Chagall, and Wassily Kandinsky, to depict a mixture of visual dramas and quizzically expressive forms."

"There may also be a dash of Monty Python."

The influence of the Brit TV show "Monty Python's Flying Circus" shines through in his short book - "The Not, Don't, No & Nothing Book (part 5)" - that was available for purchase during the Jackson art exhibit. The book, filled with poems, prose nuggets and cartoons, is done in a style he describes as "humorous nihilism."

Walton says he currently has three different styles.

"In one style I want to saturate the eye with color composition, while at the same time infusing a mythic quality," he says. "In another I express a whimsical delight in cartoon-like story telling, tinged with the absurd."

"In a third style I might use collage, internal framing and multiple images to create shapes, icons, visual moments and series, often with captions."

Walton says he is not particularly interested in art in the usual sense of portraying a scene, composing real objects, or creating a visual atmosphere.

"I try to keep artistic techniques and skills to a minimum," he says. "If I have aims, they are to amuse, intrigue and confound. They tend more towards the metaphysics of Alfred Jarry rather than the metaphysics of Walt Disney."

"Because I often write on my pictures, there is a synchronistic mingling of verbal and visual characters. They are like

cartoons, but not ones that just tell an intelligible joke. Perhaps they are designed to give the viewer a sly poke in the cognitive ribs."

"To read the inscriptions draws the viewer in close, so they need to be hung at eye-level with good lighting. I have no plans for sofa-sized paintings to be admired at a distance."

Walton, who enjoys painting on the patio of his rural Lyndon Township home with spectacular views of the lake and forest, says he never quite knows where the inspiration for his art comes from, and that it probably originates beyond his normal waking consciousness.

"I also do not know what I will be painting next," he says. "Art for me is an exploration of what I don't experience, know, or understand."

"It's like going into a personal mythic wilderness and getting lost, just for the fun of it."

Walton found someone to share that artistic passion in Marijo Grogan when they met at camp on Lake Michigan eleven years ago.

"There we discovered our mutual love of the arts," Grogan says. "We found time to paint together in those early years. Then, other demands captured our attention."

"However, in the past five years we returned to our painting, usually out of doors during the warm summer months when the light is perfect for two people who adore color. It's so much fun to share this interest in common as a couple."

Grogan, a Detroit-area native, also showed an aptitude for art in childhood and was exposed to art through summer classes at Cranbrook Art Academy.

In college, she was trained as a Waldorf-Steiner teacher, a European educational system that focuses on integrating the arts and science. As part of the curriculum, she studied painting and sculpture and spent a year studying art history in Italy.

Later, she lived in Japan for a year and traveled throughout Mexico.

"The art I encountered on these journeys was a big influence on my folk art style," she says.

Grogan has studied color theory with Leslie Masters and is a member of the Ann Arbor Women Artists. She has participated in juried art exhibits, an artist residence program and has exhibited at Art 634, Big Tree Gallery, the University of Michigan School of Education, and in the Adam and Eve traveling exhibit.

She currently has her own gallery in Jackson, and a family therapy practice, Spiral Healing. She is dedicated to exploring the connection between healing and the arts and has been involved in creating community arts projects including Art for Beslan, Russia, the Global Art Project, the Day of the Dead Exhibit and the Canticale of Creation Project.

While her style is quite different from Walton's, the two styles are also quite complementary, she says.

"We both admire the Fauvists. For Kent it is Klee and Kandinsky, for me Gauguin and Matisse."

"Breaking up space into color and shapes is about the most fun activity in the world. When I can add collage techniques it forces me to be more playful and trusting of the art process."

Grogan likes to start with a story or image and allow it to tell her something more. "You never know what magic will take place when you wait for the creative process to speak to you," she says.

Art is changing the landscape of cities everywhere but especially in Chelsea and Jackson, she says.

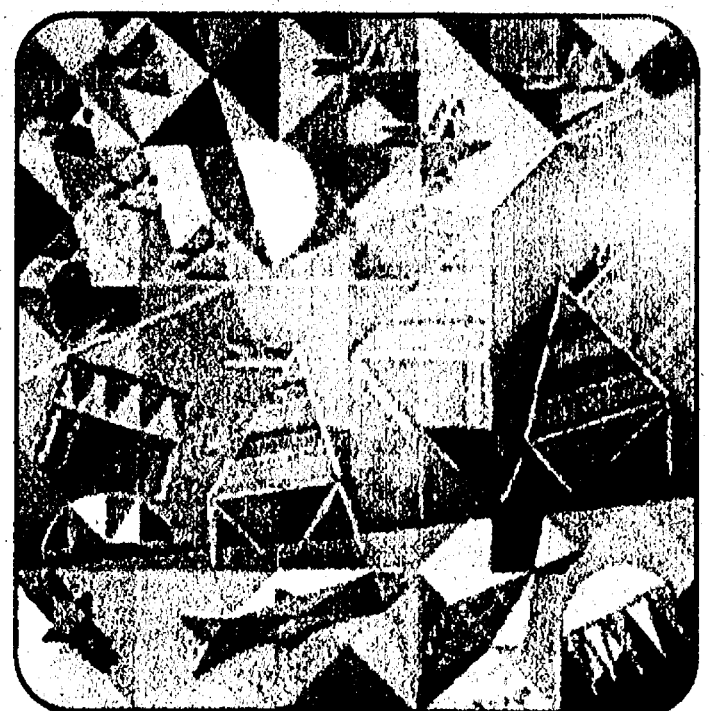
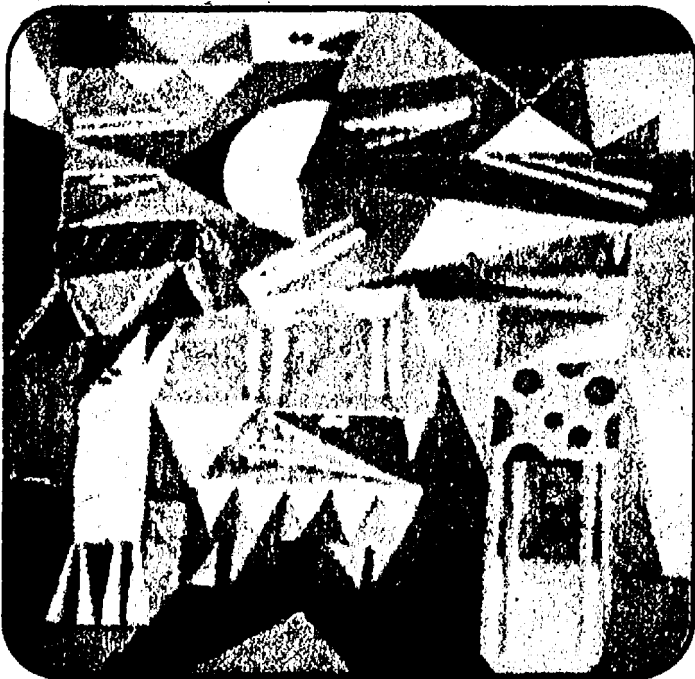
"I'm excited to be part of this renaissance by opening my own gallery, Studio Artemis, in Jackson at Art 634, a collective where everyone is dedicated to expressing the creative spirit."

"Next door is the Armory Arts Village, which opened its doors to over 65 artists, musicians, storytellers and more, people who are coming to Jackson from as far away as Florida and New Zealand."

The village, located off I-94 at Cooper and North in Jackson, has transformed the old prison complex with its Victorian style buildings into loft apartments and studios.

"Such movements give me hope that aesthetic values can one day take precedence over strictly utilitarian forms in art and architecture," Grogan says.

"With more beautiful environments in which to live and work, life will hold more promise for all of us."



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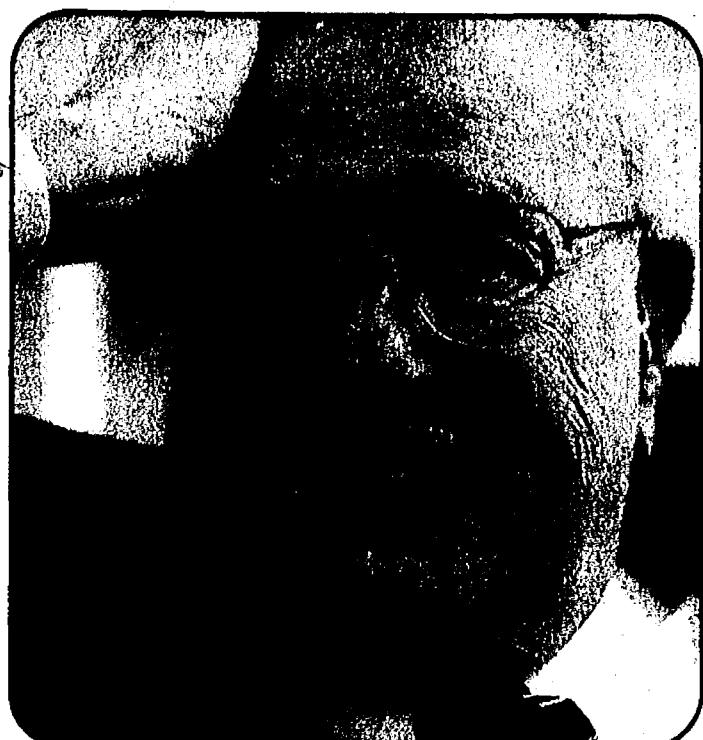
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Political Perspective: From U.S. Rep. John Dingell



'A pretty good year'

Dingell discusses CAFE standards, health care and more

BY TIM POWERS
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

This is the first segment of an interview with U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-15th District). The discussion with the congressman on issues of particular interest to area communities will continue in future editions.

U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-15th District) met Thursday with editors of Heritage Newspapers to discuss a wide-ranging list of topics as the first year of the current congressional session comes to an end. Before facing questions, Dingell talked about the bills he and fellow federal legislators have been working on.

The veteran congressman represents a large section of southeastern Michigan, including Dearborn and the Downriver area.

Despite divisions between Congress and President George W. Bush and a Senate with rules that allow minority Republicans to block action, Dingell believes the U.S. House of Representatives has "had a pretty good year."

One of the main thrusts of Dingell's attention was a federal energy bill that deals with corporate average fuel economy — CAFE — standards on autos, energy and global warming. He talked Thursday of an impasse on the issue and he worried about the discussions between the House and Senate, which, even though he is chair of the Commerce Committee, he could not control.

However, on Saturday he and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and Senate leaders reached agreement on a bill that calls for CAFE at 35 mpg by 2020.

The bill is short of the higher levels and time frame wanted by Pelosi and other congressional leaders from the nation's West in their efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions and oil consumption.

At the same time, Dingell was able to retain different levels for cars and light trucks, and to protect jobs at plants manufacturing smaller cars with incentives that give the industry more flexibility and certainty as it plans new vehicles. Credits for building vehicles that run on biodiesel and ethanol as well as creating incentives for new breakthrough fuel efficient technology also are expected to help the auto companies.

"I need to protect the interests of the people I represent," Dingell said. "I have some difficulty in explaining to people that I'm not defending the industry, I'm defending the people I represent — the workers in the auto industry and the jobs. That is where the question is important. There are 700,000 people who work in the auto industry in the 15th District."

He noted that the requirements put additional expenses on the auto companies and that the advanced planning needed to produce new and different vehicles that meet the requirement would stress the whole industry.

Other legislation covered by Dingell included:

HEALTH CARE

House Resolution 4: Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007: Amends Medicare to require federal officials to negotiate lower prices with pharmaceutical manufacturers for prescription drug plan sponsors and Medicare Advantage organizations for covered drugs, individuals enrolled under a prescription drug plan or under a Medicare Advantage prescription drug plan.

Status: Passed in House. Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 15: National Health Insurance Act: Requires that medical services, hospital services and other personal health services be made available to eligible individuals in all U.S. health-service areas as rapidly as possible.

"It is roughly the bill my father introduced years ago — brought up to date," Dingell said.

He has introduced the bill on a continuing basis. "It is something that has to be done soon, because the auto industry is going broke on health care costs as is the rest of the manufacturing industry in the United States," he said.

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R. 1017: Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act of 2007: To improve requirements under the Medicaid program for items and services furnished in

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or through an educational program or setting to children, including children with developmental, physical or mental health needs and for other purposes.

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. H.R. 2034: Medicare for All Act: Amends the Social Security Act to allow everyone to get Medicare by simply paying for it.

"It is a pretty good package and it makes a great deal of sense," Dingell said.

It would provide parity in coverage of mental health benefits, subject to appropriate cost sharing; each enrollee is free to choose his or her own doctor and private health plan; and benefits are similar to or no less than the health benefits coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

SCHIP

This bill — the state Children's Health Insurance Program — protects the health insurance coverage of some 6 million children who now depend on SCHIP during the course of the year. The bill also will cover 3.9 million children who are today uninsured.

"We have had a huge fight over this. We passed it by heavy votes in the House and Senate, but we did not have enough votes to override the president's veto."

"We are working with our Republican colleagues (to pass a bill), but we are running out of time," Dingell said.

FOOD & DRUG SAFETY

H.R. 2900: Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 or Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2007: To amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to improve the Food and Drug Administration's ability to make sure Americans have safety of drugs.

Status: After conference with Senate, became H.R. 3580.

H.R. 3610: Food and Drug Import Safety Act of 2007: To amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of food and drugs imported into the United States, and for other purposes.

Status: Currently in committee.

HOMELAND SECURITY

H.R. 338: Improving Communications Interoperability Grant Program Act: Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the secretary of Homeland Security to establish the Improve Communications for Emergency Response grant program to make grants to states and regions for initiatives to improve interoperable emergency communications.

Status: Now part of H.R. 863, Improving Communications Interoperability Grant Program Act.

IRAQ

H.R. 3938: Bring Our Troops Home Responsibly Act of 2007: To repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243) and to require the withdrawal of the U.S. armed forces in Iraq within 30 days after the enactment of the act, and to complete such withdrawal by Jan. 20, 2009 — when a new president will take over.

"I am simply saying, Mr. President, you've made a mess," Dingell said. "You have to clean it up before you leave."

Status: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and, in addition, to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the House speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

LOCAL ISSUES

H.R. 518: International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007: To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow states to ban foreign trash and implement an agreement between the United States and Canada on shipping trash across borders.

"This has met some opposition from New England and New York senators," Dingell said, pointing out those are areas that also send their trash to Michigan.

Status: Passed in House; referred to Senate committee.

Status: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

OTHER NOTABLE WORKS

As chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Dingell plays a pivotal role in critical bills making headlines across America, including:

H.R. 3221: New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security and Consumer Protection Act: Moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production and modernizing energy infrastructure, through tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation.

This bill will remove more than 10 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions by 2030, an amount equal to the annual emissions of all cars on the road today.

The act as proposed would:

- Advance the country's energy efficiency with improved appliance standards, lighting efficiency and green building codes.

- Enhance the reliability and economy of the country's electric grid to incorporate communications and control technologies for a richer, more efficient, bidirectional grid.

- Carry out congressional intent and prohibit the Department of Energy from setting arbitrary limits for loan guarantees that encourage the development of new projects that would reduce or sequester greenhouse gases.

- Create a grant program to increase the availability of renewable fuels and encourage the installation or conversion of supporting infrastructure.

- Encourage the domestic development and production of advanced plug-in hybrids and next generation batteries.

- Improve state data collection required by the Energy Information Administration to support efficient energy markets.

Dingell wants to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 60 percent to 80 percent by 2050 and reiterated his intention to address climate change and cap-and-trade in the fall.

Status: Passed the House. The Senate and House are now in conference to work out the differences between the two bills.

H.R. 4040: Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act: This proposal bans children's products that contain lead, improving the efficiency and speed of product recalls, requiring mandatory safety standards and third-party testing for certain children's products, and increasing the cap on civil penalties imposed on violators. It also strengthens the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"We've seen lead in toys," Dingell said. "The Chinese have sent us some awful stuff, not only in food, drugs and cosmetics, but also in toys and other consumer products."

Status: Forwarded by subcommittee to full committee. It is expected to be on the House floor before the end of the year.

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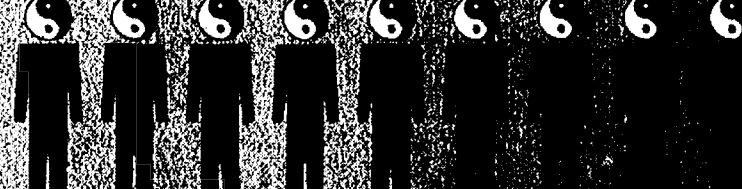
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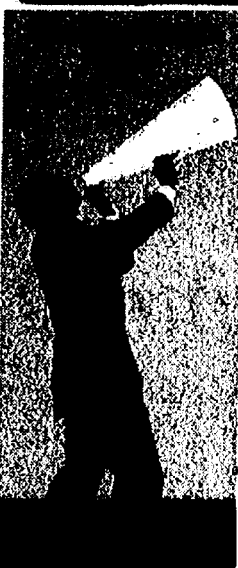
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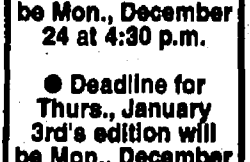
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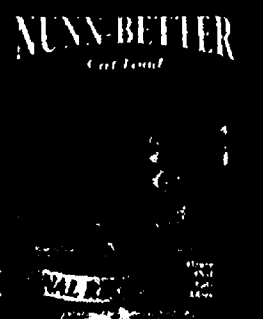
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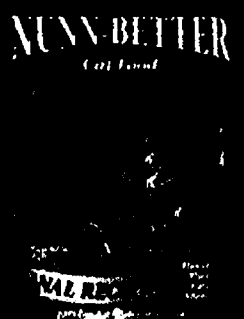
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ALEXIA FROZEN POTATOES
16 oz.
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ORGANIC BABY CARROTS
1 lb. Bag

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2 ct. Pkg.

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Sweet, Red, Ripe
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Fresh
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Bag

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1 Pint



Fresh
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\$7.99

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MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AS ILLUSTRATED

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3 LB.
Bag

Imported
JUMBO CANTALOUPE

2/\$5

Fresh
IMPORTED AVOCADOS

98¢

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Fresh
BABY PEELED CARROTS

\$1.98

2 LB.
Bag

Tasty
MARZETTI VEGGIE DIP

2/\$5

16 oz.
Tub

Fresh Bakery



Fresh Baked
PANE ITALIANO BREAD

\$1.19

20 OZ.



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12
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32 OZ.



Fresh Baked
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16 OZ.



Fresh Baked
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4
COUNT



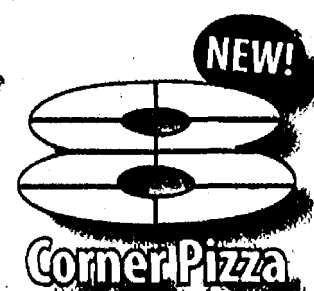
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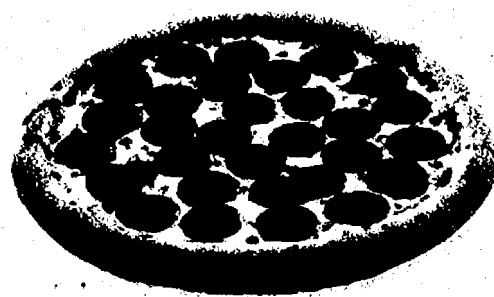


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Cinnamon Stix
A Sweet Ending to a Quality Meal

Medium Round

Cheese & 1 Topping, 8 delicious slices



\$5.99



Jet Pac®

1 Large Pizza & 2 Toppings, Large Salad,
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Available in Deep Dish, Hand Tossed Round or Thin Crust



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Think Thin

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Sm Lg



2 Subs & 2 Pops

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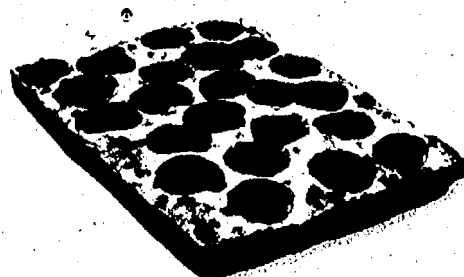
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1 Topping Pizza

Cheese & 1 Topping

Available in Deep Dish, Hand Tossed Round or Thin Crust



\$5.99 / \$8.99 / \$11.99
Sm Lg XL



Perfect Little Meal

Small Pizza w/Cheese & 1 topping
1 order of Cinnamon Stix & a Two Liter of Coke.

Available in Deep Dish, Hand Tossed Round or Thin Crust



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Two Large & Jet's Bread®

2 Large Pizzas with Cheese and 1 Topping
plus a Large Order of Jet's Bread®

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